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■ *Scuttled appeal
clears way for
redevelopment of
school buildings*

BY MIKE GENTILE
Et Cetera Staff

Although it was delayed for a year, the sale of some Humber College land will help pay for \$12 million of renovations to the Lakeshore Campus.

After long years of planning and some legal wrangling, the school has finally wrapped up a land swap-and-sale agreement which involves private developers, the provincial government and the City of Toronto.

The centerpiece of the plan was a massive redevelopment of buildings and cottages at the Lakeshore Campus. With the sale being finalized, Humber now has the money to go ahead with the work.

The construction, set to begin in the spring, will focus on the Robert A. Gordon Learning Centre.

There are now nine old buildings on the site. Three of them are being used for classes, but the other buildings or cottages need extensive work.

"They're simply not fit for human habitation," John Hooiveld, manager, of Physical Resources and Planning, said.

"In fact nobody should be in those buildings."

The \$12 million will help in the renovation of at least two of the buildings for classroom use.

For the rights to the Learning Centre land, Humber gave up some other land along the lake. The school also got 27 acres of land on Queen's Plate Dr., between North Campus and the Woodbine Centre. Humber then sold 20 acres of the Queen's Plate land to a pri-



ivate developer, and will use that money to pay for the construction.

Vice President of Administration Rod Rork said the school has a 'master plan' for the development of the land.

The plan will be carried out in two phases, and the school hopes to complete the construction within two years of the start date.

Phase one will provide hydro, water, air conditioning, and heating for the buildings.

In phase two, the interiors will be renovated to make them suitable for classes. The buildings have been empty since 1979, and without heat since 1992.

The plan was delayed because a company named Cantron threw a wrench into the deals.

Cantron owns an industrial building in the middle of the Queen's Plate land.

In November of 1997, Cantron filed an appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board against the sale of the 20 acres to a housing developer.

At the time, management officials for the building's management told Et Cetera they feared they would be forced out of the area by homeowners once new townhouses were built.

They also said the land had previously been zoned for industrial use, and were concerned about the process in the transfer to residential status.

The appeal process delayed the land sale from November 1997 to August of 1998, effectively stalling the Lakeshore development. Just before the appeal was

to be heard, Cantron withdrew their appeal.

Rork said that although it was along process, the school was patient in getting the right deal done.

"It's been very difficult, but very good for the college," he said.

Rork stressed that when the venture was established, the long term goal was specifically aimed at the Learning Centre.

There are currently 500 students at the centre, which is a five minute walk from the main Lakeshore Campus.

However the North Campus will still benefit from the deal. Humber still owns seven acres at the Queen's Plate site.

"It will be an extremely valuable resource for the college in the future," Rork said.

The land is so valuable that although a sale is never out of the question, Rork said Humber will keep it for some time. "We're not planning to sell it. No way."

The seven acres could be used for anything from a new addition to the college, to a new parking lot for students, should the current lots become too full. "It may assist us in some parking relief should we need it. However it appears we can accommodate our on campus requirements," Rork added.

Once the venture is officially ended, Humber will become in complete control of the Learning Centre project.

Regal Crest Homes acquired the 20 acres of Queen's Plate land, where town houses will be built in early spring.

Pro Lacrosse

Gardens are Rockin' cause it's Friday night

The new game in town is Canada's oldest sport.

Lacrosse made a triumphant return to Hogtown on Jan. 22, when the new Toronto Rock defeated Buffalo 11-10 in Toronto's first game at Maple Leaf Gardens.

The return of Canada's national summer sport was good news for fans from St. Catharines to Sarnia, from Peterborough to Petrolia, as they finally have a place to watch the world's greatest players ply their trade.

It was also good news for Bill Watters, Tie Domi, Don Cherry and the rest of the new owners, who were taking a big risk resuscitating a moribund franchise.

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Community policing

Are Lakeshore cops going on the lam?

Humber students at Lakeshore Campus could see fewer police officers patrolling the area this time next year, and the situation is raising concerns about student safety.

Last month, the Toronto Police Services Board released a plan for the restructuring of boundaries between police divisions in the Greater Toronto Area. The plan would see some Etobicoke police stations either merged or scaled down to community response units.

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'80s Week

Before the lights

HOW SOME OF HOLLYWOOD'S MOST FAMOUS GOT THEIR BREAKS

- Jason Alexander was the "hot side hot, cold side cold" guy in McDonald's commercials
- Courtney Cox was the cute chick in Bruce Springsteen's video for "Dancing In The Dark"
- Tom Cruise did a turn opposite Brooke Shields in *Endless Love*
- Anthony Edwards was a stoner in *Fast Times At Ridgemont High*. He also played Gilbert, the almost cute one, in *Revenge of the Nerds*
- Matthew Perry played Carol Seaver's boyfriend Sandy on *Growing Pains*
- Brad Pitt also played one of Carol's boyfriends
- Damon Wayans was the guy who sold Eddie Murphy the bananas for the cops' tailpipe in *Beverly Hills Cop*
- X-Files guy David Duchovny made his mark in *Don't Tell Mom The Babysitter's Dead*

We liked it better when...

Most of today's pop culture was stolen from the '80s. Here are just a few modern-day ripoffs.

Now	Then
• Touched By an Angel	• Highway to Heaven
• Backstreet Boys	• New Kids On The Block
• NYPD Blue	• Hill Street Blues
• Apollo 13	• The Right Stuff
• America's Funniest...	• That's Incredible
• ER	• St. Elsewhere
• Scream, Scream 2	• Nightmare on Elm Street
• Viper	• Knight Rider
• Clueless	• Sixteen Candles
• Melrose Place	• Dynasty
• Can't Hardly Wait	• Say Anything
• Labatt's Hockey Night in Canada	• Molson's Hockey Night in Canada

Words of Wisdom

The only vice-president who spells potato with an "e". The reason George Bush was never assassinated. This week, a tribute to **Dan Quayle**, a Words of Wisdom hall-of-famer.

• We are ready for an unforeseen event that may or may not occur.

• It's wonderful to be here in the great state of Chicago.

• I was recently on a tour of Latin America, and the only regret I have was that I didn't study Latin harder in school, so I could converse with those people.

• Republicans understand the importance of bondage between mother and child.

• It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it.

• What a waste it is to lose one's mind. Or not to have a mind is being very wasteful. How true that is.

(Trying to say a mind is a terrible thing to waste)

• I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix.

Totally Useless Trivia

We tell you the movie or TV quote, you figure out the show

- 1 Disturbing the peace? I got pushed out of a window! What's the charge for getting pushed out of a moving car? Jaywalking?
- 2 My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die.
- 3 She's gone from suck to blow!
- 4 Blane? His name is Blane? That's not a name, that's a major appliance!
- 5 I know you are but what am I?
- 6 My own brother, a @\$%^&* vampire, you wait 'til Mom finds out.
- 7 The sportos, the motorheads, geeks, sluts, bloods, waistoids, dweebies, dickheads, they all adore him. They think he's a righteous dude.
- 8 People on 'ludes should not drive.
- 9 Wanna buy a monkey?
- 10 He pulls out a knife, you pull out a gun. He sends one of yours to the hospital, you send one of his to the morgue. That's the Chicago way.

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News etc.

■ Date-rape drug seized

The RCMP seized 3,500 tablets of rohypnol from a North Vancouver home.

Canada's first major seizure of the date-rape drug was from a 48-year-old man's house. It has led police to believe that the drug is not as scarce in this country as previously thought.

Sgt. Chuck Doucette of the RCMP's drug awareness unit in British Columbia said it's a big concern.

After the man was arrested for cocaine trafficking, his house was searched. Police found the rohypnol, as well as crack cocaine, marijuana, hashish, two hand guns, a loaded shotgun, and more than \$1-million cash.

Police also found rohypnol in Edmonton after charging a man who used it on his wife.

■ Flesh eating disease diagnosed

Even though there were three cases of the flesh-eating disease diagnosed in Ontario last weekend, health officials insist the deadly disease won't become an epidemic.

Three middle-aged men were admitted to Ottawa hospitals last week with necrotizing fasciitis. A 66-year-old man died from the disease earlier this month but the other three cases are said to be unrelated.

Doctors say all the men are out of danger and their infections remain on the skin on their legs. The flesh eating disease is caused by the common Group A streptococcus bacteria.

■ Starving street youth

Kids living on the streets are going hungry, says a new study published by the *Canadian Journal of Public Health*.

Forty-eight per cent of the 88 youth in downtown Toronto, who took part in the survey described the hunger and or complete food deprivation they had gone through 30 days prior to being interviewed. One talked of going without food for 15 of the 30 days. Others reported not eating for an entire day.

Those living on the street or squatting in abandoned buildings and those relying on income from squeegeeing were particularly vulnerable said co-author of the study, Valerie Tarasuk. She is an assistant professor of nutritional sciences at the University of Toronto. She hopes the survey will help to deal with the hunger problem more effectively.

Prez defends team

■ Squee isn't squeamish over troubled hockey team

BY ERIK MARTENSSON
News Reporter

Humber is reviewing the grades of the college's varsity hockey team but has no plans to scrap it said president Robert Gordon.

"We're not in a panic situation," Gordon said in response to Et Cetera's "Missed goals" article which ran last week.

The article revealed about half the team had failed a first-semester course. Two players had to leave the team after failing to meet academic requirements.

The hockey program had similar problems in the early '90s and had to be scrapped. But Gordon said the new program is not out of control.

"To say that we'll scrap it after one year, I think we're not there," he said.

However, Gordon is concerned with the players' academic performance.

"Failing a course, I can live with that because it's only Christmas. But I can't live with two guys dropping out," he added. "So I would say it's being reviewed but I don't think we have a gun to their head."

He said the program will be watched

closely and is in good hands. Gordon said he has confidence in athletic director Doug Fox, saying he is "very good and very serious".

"They'll get that (the grades) in shape and we'll be right back at it next year but probably with a little more attention given to who we accept into the college to play hockey," commented Gordon.

He said the only way he would get personally involved is if the program became an embarrassment.

"If we got to the point where it was a really big political issue then I think I would, but otherwise I wouldn't get involved."



President Robert Gordon.

"They'll get that (the grades) in shape and we'll be right back at it next year, but probably with a little more attention given to who we accept into the college to play hockey."

Gordon said athletics are an integral part of the college but not as important as academics.

"We're here as an academic institution first and as a hockey factory second. We are

trying to build the reputation as a high quality academic institution which is the very best in everything it does and sports happens to be part of that package, but that doesn't mean we'll buy our wins at all costs."

SAC president Tracy Boyer agreed the varsity teams are important. But she stressed a student's primary goal should be to obtain an education.

Boyer said the varsity teams give the college very good exposure and gets students involved but there's a problem if a student attends school only to play a sport.

Since every student at Humber pays into

the athletic program, SAC may also discuss an "opt-out" program for the athletic fee. Students could possibly be able to put those fees into areas other than athletics.

"With the athletics fee everyone is open to use the gym anytime. But, if they don't want to use the facilities possibly we should look into an opt-out for an athletics fee," Boyer said.

She said, however, stated that most stu-

dents are okay with the fee structure the way it is. So far, one student has come to ask why there isn't an alternative to paying a fee. Boyer said if any other students have concerns about the fee SAC would like to hear about it.

Games room: 'show me the money'

BY DEAN PINKHAM
News Reporter



PHOTO BY DEAN PINKHAM

The SAC games room took in \$100,000 last year. Because of repairs at the beginning of the year, its revenue was only \$20,266.

first opened in mid-September through to the end of December, the room took in \$20,266.

Earnings are shared equally with Chonar Inc., the amusement company which supplies the games. Those loonies and twoonies accounted for seven per cent of SAC's actual revenue last year.

January is promising to be a strong month for the games room because of the bad weather and the fact that new students at Humber are finding it a great place to meet new friends.

Candis Deocharran, a first-year General Arts student, loves the atmosphere the games room provides and plans to spend her free time playing pool and catching up with friends.

"It's the same group of people, you get to know everyone. I know whenever I do have a break this is where I'll be," Deocharran said. While this year's revenue won't match last year's, the only colour the games room will see is green.

The SAC games room is open Monday to Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It's not all fun and games for the SAC games room. It also brings in big bucks.

But numbers are down this year compared to the \$100,000 the games room brought in during the last school year.

Contrary to an article in the Nov. 19 issue of the Et Cetera, the games room is not "seeing red," as the headline blasted.

"Our numbers were down in comparison to previous years, but in no way are we seeing red," said Karina Bekesewycz, SAC services co-ordinator.

Profits are down this year, but it's primarily due to the electrical repairs that were done at the beginning of the first semester. During the first two weeks of September, the room remained closed.

"We usually establish our clientele in those first two weeks. They know we're there, especially when they're waiting in those long line-ups at registration," Bekesewycz said.

From the day the games room

Centre for career hunters

BY MATT MILLS
News Reporter

Humber's career centre is gearing up for the summer job hunting season.

The centre offers help for students, providing direct links to potential employers. It also offers ways to help job seekers prepare for interviews and polish their resumes and cover letters.

Some of Humber's programs are more likely to lead to jobs than others.

"Surprisingly, computer programming is an area where students are less likely to find a job right after graduation," Karen Fast, career centre co-ordinator, said. "Although students go through a three-year program, they maybe don't have the high level of qualifications that employers demand."

This applies only to programming, Fast said. Other computer related disciplines have excellent employment statistics.

Students in the safety, electronics, and accounting programs are also less likely to get jobs right away because of the high level of skills required, and the volatile nature of today's economy.

"The students are employable, but there are new ways of finding jobs that we need to work on a little more intensely to make things happen," Fast said.

Students in any of the post-graduate programs have the best chance for employment after graduation.

"Those students are very marketable to the employers," said Fast. "They've got the employability skills, they've got the maturity level, they've got the technical skills-the perfect package for the employer."

As well, Fast said many business students find jobs after graduation because of the broad range of work they have to choose from.

Career centre staff said only about one-third of students use the career centre sometime during their courses of study. Those that do, say they see results.

"They let me use their computers," Pino Dicervo, a marketing graduate said. "They've helped me with my resume, and they helped me make some contacts."

Since the career centre moved into its new digs by the games room in September, the staff has been able to expand their services, but they're still looking for



PHOTO BY GREG DI CRESCIO

It may cost people more to ride the TTC. Students who are already stretching their pocket change as much as they can aren't happy about it.

Extra fare to ride the rocket?

BY ERIC BREA
News Reporter

Humber students may have to dig deeper into their wallets to ride the Red Rocket.

With the province no longer subsidizing the TTC and the city's mayor committed to freezing the budget, a wage increase could be on the horizon.

"There is no fare change planned," Marilyn Bolton, TTC spokesperson said, referring to the transit system's 1999 budget.

However, as long as there is some doubt about where the city's councillors stand on the issue, a fare increase remains a possibility, said Bolton.

Humber SAC President Tracy Boyer said she "hasn't looked into this area (fare changes) at all," but called concerns over a fare hike "definitely a worthy issue."

She pointed out that other colleges like George Brown and Seneca have attempted to form a committee to look into the issue of lobbying the city and the TTC for

reduced transit fares for students.

However, Boyer said such efforts are currently in limbo.

"I don't think it's gone anywhere," she said.

The prospect of a fare hike does not sit well with Humber students.

At the TTC stop on Humber College Blvd., students raised concerns over proposed fare increases.

Lakeshore student Ed Chiu said he doesn't want to see a fare hike, calling the proposed increase "ridiculous."

Continuing Education student Juna Tan shared similar concerns, but said since "a lot of other things are getting more expensive," she would not be surprised to see fares increase.

And Mark Gonzalves, a visiting York University student, said he "definitely can't afford higher transit fares."

The final decision on any fare increases will be made after contract negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union are conducted in March.

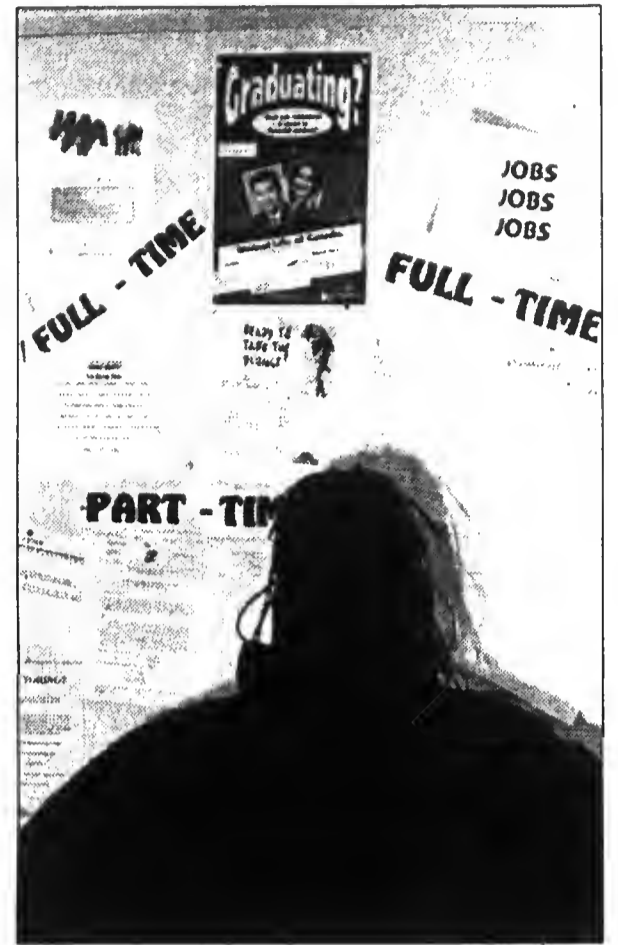


PHOTO BY MATT MILLS

The career centre helps students make contacts with employers.

more students to take advantage of what they have to offer.

"One of our big challenges has been to market the centre. With 10,000 students, it's almost impossible to market anything. We're hoping the word will spread," Fast said.

The career centre is not just for people looking for careers. They offer resources for students looking for part-time work through the year or summer jobs.

"There is a job fair coming up in three weeks, there are job postings in the centre, and there is the Campus Worklink internet site.

The career centre can be found in room A100. They're on the net at www.humberc.on.ca, and check out the Campus Worklink website while you're there. Logon: **humberc**. Password: **Bercoler**.

Take advantage of the snow

BY RISHMA GOVANI
News Reporter



PHOTO BY RISHMA GOVANI

The bus leaves for Blue Mountain Feb. 5

It's a good time to get acquainted with the white fluffy stuff we've had to become friends with during the past couple of weeks.

What better way to enjoy the snow than by spending a day with fellow Humber students hitting the slopes at Blue Mountain Resort Feb 5, in Collingwood?

This ski trip is being organized by SAC North, Lakeshore, and TNT Tours, as a finale to Winter Madness Week.

The ski trip was scheduled for Friday, Jan. 29 but was postponed until Feb. 5. It was postponed because of the lack of response from students. "There is a lot of snow already and they are making snow right now so things should really shape up by next Friday," said Mandy Holroyd.

Holroyd added the numbers of skiers has risen over the last year. Other Canadian resorts, like Whistler, are also experiencing a rise in skiers, especially an increase in Americans.

With the sinking loonie, it is very inexpensive for Americans to ski north of the border. Resorts in the United States on the other hand are feeling the pains from Canadian resort gains.

Humber's Ski Trip '99 is geared to be a fun-filled day. Buses leave from Caps' entrance at 6:30 a.m. See SAC for tickets and more detailed information.

Trivia answers (from pg 2)

1. Beverly Hills Cop
2. The Princess Bride
3. Spaceballs
4. Pretty in Pink
5. Pee Wee's Big Adventure
6. The Lost Boys
7. Ferris Bueller's Day Off
8. Fast Times at Ridgemont High
9. Cabin Boy (said Letterman)
10. The Untouchables

Canadian Blood Service banking on safety

■ *Blood donors should expect to answer personal questions when giving*

BY MATET NEBRES
News Reporter

Have you had sex with someone whose sexual background you don't know during the past year? Men, have you had sex with another man since 1977?

Personal questions like these regarding sexual activity and lifestyle are routine for screening potential blood donors.

Barbara Mrozek, team leader of clinic planning and donor recruitment for Canadian Blood Services (CBS), acknowledged that some may be offended by these questions.

"Some students may think the questions are a form of discrimination, but they do serve a medical purpose, by ensuring the safety of the blood supply," she said.

Due to safety problems in the past, the government is expected to award over \$1 billion to victims, who obtained hepatitis C

through blood transfusions from 1986 to 1990.

Now with more careful controls, activities such as body piercing or tattooing disqualifies a donor for one year.

Mrozek acknowledges that the tight screening may result in a reduction of the donor pool.

But according to Helen Buttery, a spokesman for CBS, the organization chooses to err on the side of caution.

"If I were the recipient, I would be very grateful the screening process is so stringent," she said.

Even though the blood is tested after being donated, there is a time period where diseases like AIDS and hepatitis B and C can be undetected.

The "intrusive" donor questionnaire simply reflects the current level of screening technology, said Buttery. As the testing techniques improve, so will the questions.

And improvements are already under way. In June, the CBS will spend \$20 million to implement testing called Genome Amplification Testing, designed to screen out six more hepatitis C infected individuals every year and one HIV-infected person every 18 months.

"This may seem insignificant, but you can't put a price-tag on safety," Buttery said.

Shazeela Mohammed, a CBS



PHOTO BY MATET NEBRES

It's no sweat giving blood. Amanda Walken just keeps walking into blood donor clinics. Here she is giving for the 10th time.

quality systems assistant, said donors are notified if their blood tests positive for an infection.

The CBS sets these high safety standards despite their desperate need to maintain a blood reserve.

Their goal is to keep a four-day reserve of blood. A one-day supply is 650 units. Each donor produces one unit.

The blood service is still recovering from the Blizzard of 1999, which depleted their reserves to a 24-hour supply and put them in a state of emergency.

Blood is in constant demand,

because certain components in the blood can spoil within six to 48 days.

According to Buttery, college and university students are the greatest first-time donors to blood banks.

At a walk-in donor clinic at Morningside Mall, Amanda Walken, a frequent donor, lies on a cot, squeezing her fist as her blood flows from a needle sticking in her vein.

As the blood collects in a plastic bag with the capacity of a beer bottle, she chats nonchalantly

about being a 10-time donor.

"I started in college on campus and I have been donating for seven years," Walken said.

She is not the norm. Buttery said that while youths rank the highest among the first-time donors, the problem is they don't come back.

"It's probably a convenience thing. They donate on campus and when they leave school they

never donate again," she said.

Humber College Public Relations students will operate a Blood Donor Clinic Mar. 16 at the school.

Barry Doyle, event planning and management instructor, said last year's clinic was extremely successful. "The turnout was phenomenal, we exceeded our expectations," he said.

Their goal was to register 400 students and they exceed their goal by 20 per cent.

Doyle said the students try to make the event as interesting and fun as possible for all those giving.

Last year's event was called "Club Red" and side events included music and limbo dancing.

coming next week

A Closer Look

How Humber compares to Canada's colleges

BY ANDREW MCKAY
Editor-in-chief

Last month, we got the attention of MacLean's magazine, which released its first comprehensive guide to Canadian colleges.

As the guide's Editor-in-Chief, Robert Lewis, said in the foreword: "colleges are not only more accessible and affordable; increasingly they are turning out graduates with practical skills and guaranteed connections in the world of work."

Canadian colleges have long been considered the ugly duckling of post-secondary education. Most American community colleges are affiliated with a university, and serve as training grounds for those not quite ready to go to the big school. In Canada we have had to put up with the stigma of having gone to college because we couldn't handle a university curriculum.

However, the landscape is changing. As far back as 1992, the Toronto Star reported a dramatic

upsurge in the number of college applicants. That year, Humber turned away 22,000 prospective students.

Over the last seven years, our numbers have risen even more, and it is not uncommon to be told as few as 10 per cent of the applicants made it into any one program here.

Witness the post-graduate programs at Humber and elsewhere, which are being swamped by university graduates who realize a degree won't necessarily get them an income. Make no mistake: People across Canada are taking notice. Employers are recruiting on college campuses in larger numbers, and universities are realizing the benefits to be gained from being associated with a college, through open learning and credit-sharing agreements.

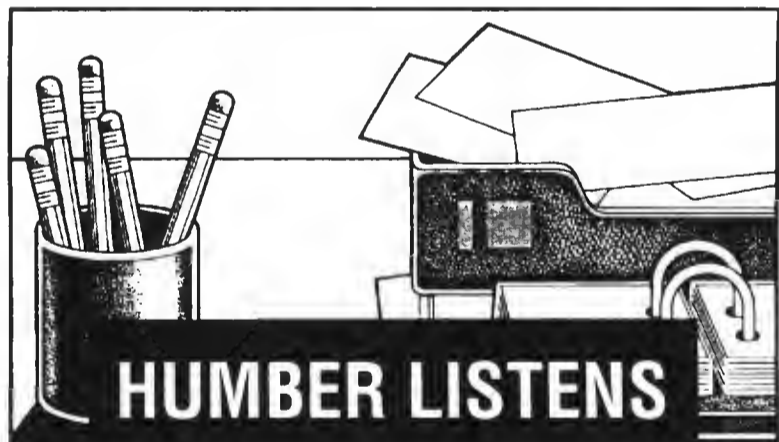
Unlike their university guide, though, MacLean's did not undertake to rank Canada's colleges, so we are left to wonder where Humber fits in the college field. How good is our athletics

program? Are you in the right hospitality course? Was there a better Media Studies option?

Over a four-week period beginning Feb. 4, Et Cetera will try to answer some of those questions, with an eight-part series on how Humber stacks up against Canada's other colleges.

While an overall ranking would be impossible, we'll tell you about some of the more important issues facing college choices. If you're paying more for residence, we'll find out why. We'll look at the other colleges in Toronto, and compare them to Humber.

We'll be in the halls, asking you what you like and dislike about your program, or the school in general. We can't answer every question you have about the school, but we hope our series will let you know a bit more about your college, the other colleges in Canada, and how they compare. Then, we'll let you decide if you made the right call in coming to Etobicoke



We survey you because we care about what you think of us. We always have.

We asked you whether or not Humber was an excellent College; nearly 80% of you said we are.

Allow us to return the compliment:

We are outstanding because of **YOU**, too.

Nearly 80% of our graduates also said we were great because **THEY** were well-prepared for their careers.

One of the reasons we are great is that we listen. When you said it was a pain to try to get through to Financial Aid, we instituted direct-line access to OSAP.

When the Key Performance Indicators survey comes to your class the first week of February, please take the time to show us **YOU CARE, TOO**.



We're still listening.

Editorial

Olympic scandal costs us all

The spirit of the Olympic Games has been soiled by the very people entrusted to uphold it – members of the International Olympic Committee.

Over the last couple of weeks, revelations that IOC members accepted inducements have resulted in resignations, confessions and recommended expulsions. As a result, steps are being taken to overhaul the entire Olympic bidding selection process.

It's this process which is at the heart of the problem.

Certainly no one is more aware of the games' history than members of the IOC. After all, it's their duty to be impartial, free of outside influences, and to carry on the traditions on which the games were founded.

It's now apparent that big bucks have overshadowed the true meaning of the games, and it will take a lot more than time to heal the wounds of this scandal. It will take some serious changes.

When the Olympic Games were first held in Greece in 776 BC, the country was divided into warring city-states. One reason for the event's creation was to take soldiers off the battle field and put them on a playing field.

The Olympic spirit has been scarred at every level this century – countries boycotting the games for political reasons, athletes testing positive for using

anabolic steroids, IOC members accepting special favours – we know who they are.

Though money, politics and the Olympic Games were never supposed to mix, recent events have confirmed these things have been intertwined.

The modern Olympics are all about money: for the host city, its organizers, advertisers, and the athletes, to name a few. Athletic excellence and pride have little to do with it.

The right to host the Olympic Games has given cities another reason to fight. Instead of taking up arms, we have bidding wars.

The Olympics should be moved to a neutral site. In such a place, corporations, advertisers and broadcasters would not have a say. The site could be jointly owned and protected by every country with an Olympic committee.

It wouldn't be economical, and that's the whole point. But it's the only solution that will cleanse the profit motive out of the games.

Some may not believe this idea to be realistic, but reviving the Olympic Games was Baron Pierre de Coubertin's dream back in 1892. And it came true.

His dream has been perverted, and despite the IOC's investigation and resulting expulsion recommendations, they have a long way to go to restore the people's faith in the Olympic Games.

Money, politics and the Olympic Games were never supposed to mix.

A survey to take seriously, for once

Well, that's just what we need: another survey.

Some days, Humber students feel they are practically drowning in paper. We answer questions, evaluate teachers, and rate the food in the Pipe.

It sometimes seems like we don't do anything except fill out questionnaires about what we think about the things that we would rather not be thinking about.

Now, we've got another one. The Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) survey will soon be making its way around the school, asking you to rate almost everything you already rated in the other surveys, all over again. Why do we have to go through this process again?

Well, you don't. You can do the same thing you do with the other surveys; that is, ignore them, and use the allotted time to chat or surf the web, instead.

But, as much as we agree that surveys are generally a huge waste of time, this one is different.

KPIs, like them or not, will be used by the provincial government to determine funding for colleges

down the road. If Humber students say they hate their program, can't get a job, or don't like their classrooms, there is a good chance the province will decide to funnel its money someplace where students are happier.

The same thing applies if a school doesn't get a good turnout for the surveys. If we don't care, then the province won't either.

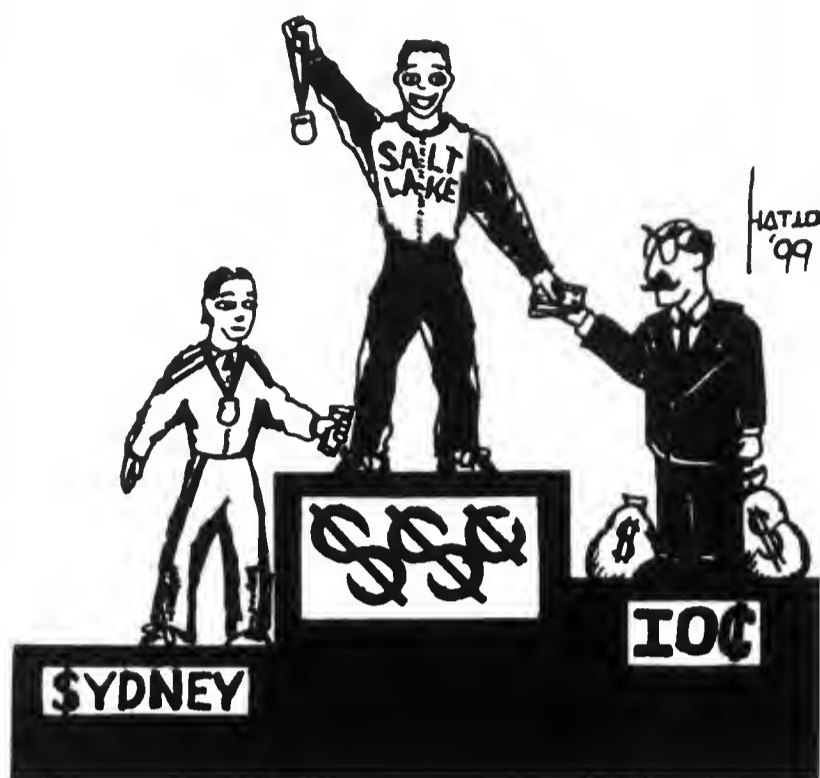
Why should it?

If you think the survey won't affect you, because you'll have left Humber by the time any changes are implemented – think again. Reduced funding will lower the quality of the school's programs.

Down the road this could very well mean Humber's reputation sags, making your diploma or certificate worth considerably less than it is today.

We don't think students should fix the survey to make sure Humber gets its money. If you hate the school, fine, say so on the KPI survey.

Just don't ignore it. There is more at stake than you realize, including your future.



THE SPIRIT OF THE GAMES

Hope for homeless

BY TIM FORAN

As much as I sympathize with Andrew McKay's bashing of the Golden Report last week, I feel his closeness to the subject may have clouded his assessment of the recommendations.

Like him, it's tempting to be cynical about our politicians. For the past 30 years, budget cuts have forced psychiatric hospitals to close beds and put people on to the streets.

In the same time, rent controls have discouraged developers from building new properties, and caused rent to skyrocket.

The Harris government's attempt to correct this stagnation through lifting rent controls has made a bad situation worse. Without a safety net, the Tories made the

decision to **POINT OF VIEW** is a larger issue. Many let the economics of supply and demand solve the problem. However, supply takes time, and it is a cold winter for people to wait.

Despite Toronto's booming economy, homelessness is rampant and ugly. Politicians dislike seeing poverty in their district, and they blame it on someone else at every chance.

A distant eye must acknowledge the politics surrounding the Golden report. First of all, it was commissioned by a red-faced Mel Lastman, who commented North York was free of homelessness hours before a woman died of exposure in the area.

Second, the report comes at a time when the provincial government is in the process of down-

loading the cost of social services to the cities. Finally, Toronto city council recently voted to proclaim homelessness a national emergency.

Yes, the Golden Report is politically motivated. It's a thinly veiled attack against the provincial government, but it does outline long-term solutions to homelessness, and it never would have been written if not for politicians with an agenda.

Sadly, as McKay stated last week, the report doesn't outline the love, caring, and counseling homeless people need to get off the streets. That isn't the direction the report wanted to go. Its target was prevention: helping those who are on the verge of being homeless.

Getting people off the streets is a larger issue. Many homeless people are dealing with either addiction or mental illness. Both are diseases with no cure.

Despite McKay's recommendations for more counselors at shelters, people only seek counseling when they're ready to change. Badgering people only pisses them off, and makes going to a shelter an uncomfortable experience.

I don't know what solutions McKay was hoping for but legislating respect for the homeless is not possible. Tax breaks and pleading for politicians are realistic, and that's what the Golden report is all about.

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Campus Wire

From ridiculous to Supreme



ROSS THOMAS

In Alabama, anyone causing laughter in a church by wearing a fake moustache can be arrested and prosecuted. In Little Rock, Ark., it is illegal to walk a cow down Main St. after 1 p.m. on Sunday. And pity

the man who defies the law and wears a strapless gown in public in Hialeah, Fl.

While the makers of these laws were sincere in their desire to improve the living conditions of the electorate, it is difficult to appreciate just how the addition of these crimes to the statute books could achieve such a goal. The compulsion to nanny the general public seems to be one that is universal among those in power, and the people of Canada suffer, too.

Take Ontario's ridiculously strict liquor laws that allow me to stand in the doorway of my residence room and drink from an open beer bottle, but forbid me from taking it out

into the corridor. I would then be on "public property," and could be arrested. The usefulness of such a law is highly dubious, and turns ordinary people into criminals when they drink a glass of wine at a picnic.

The fundamental conflict at the heart of the legal system is that every law will limit the freedom of somebody - including those designed to protect individual rights.

When the Supreme Court rules the RCMP is acting unjustly in dismissing a Sikh officer who insists on wearing his turban above his uniform, they allow the officer involved to follow his religion without fear of reprisals from his employer.

Of course, the court is simultaneously removing the right of the RCMP to fire an employee who ignores their uniform code. But the court rightly decided that freedom of religion was more important than the RCMP's petty hat rules.

"The law is an ass," said Mr. Bumble in Dickens' classic *Oliver Twist*, and no legal ruling could be more asinine than the recent decision by BC Supreme Court Justice Duncan

Shaw that possession of child pornography is not a criminal offence.

The accused, John Sharpe, was arrested when police found pornographic stories and pictures of naked boys on his computer. He argued that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms protected his right to "freedom of conscience" in possessing such material. Shaw agreed.

Here again we have a conflict of rights. Is Sharpe's right to "freedom of conscience" more important than the right of the police to guard the safety of the nation's children? In 1992, the Supreme Court decided that child pornography "appeals only to the most base aspect of individual fulfillment" and thus does not merit constitutional protection.

With this in mind, Shaw's decision is bizarre. While trying not to resort to emotional arguments, I wonder if the decision would have been the same had the photographs been of Shaw's own children or grandchildren.

Ross Thomas is a first-year post-graduate journalism student.

McGill

(www.tribune.montreal.qc.ca)

Montreal's Urban Community Tactical Squad members and police officers were called to the school's Leacock building after reports a man was seen carrying a shot gun. After a thorough search, which lasted two-and-a-half hours, no suspects were found. The incident severely disrupted the debating union's Winter Carnival, a competition involving 66 teams from Canada and the United States.

University of Victoria

(www.kajka.uvic.ca)

A Bulgarian lesbian activist, Monika Pisankaneva, visited the school hoping Canadians could give her information to help her fight against homophobia in her country. The issue of homosexuality is relatively new, only having surfaced since the end of communist rule.

Toronto

(www2.utoronto.ca)

Following in the footsteps of a couple of American schools, students launched their own campaign to ensure "ethical standards" are used before sweatshops can use the university's logo on clothing. A sweatshop refers to those places in which working conditions are dangerous, the people are underpaid and work very long hours.

Western

(www.gazette.uwo.ca)

Tuition fees may be going up for the second time in less than a year. Administrators blamed government cutbacks for the likely increase.

Cornell

(www.cornellsun.com)

Officers and alumni of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity are attempting to win students back, despite the plan to adopt a non-alcoholic charter. The chapter, established in 1872, lost all 40 of its members late last year after administrators decided to "go dry" by July 1, 2000. Insurance reports estimated fuming members inflicted \$14,802 in damages before they left the house.

Oklahoma

(www.dahy.ou.edu)

A new bill proposed by Senator Lewis Long could make tattoo parlours legal. But the parlours would face strict regulations, including the required use of germicidal soaps and restricting service to patrons not under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Oklahoma is one of three states in which tattoo parlours are illegal. Most residents of Oklahoma who want a tattoo just make the drive to Texas.

STARS 'N' STRIPES

Working in America - not



ALDO PETRONE

The start of the second semester is the time of year potential graduates polish their resumes, improve their portfolios, and hope that an employer will offer them an appealing entry-level (that is, coffee-person) position for next to nothing.

No matter what offers you receive, try to resist the temptation of sending your resume to the United States. It's becoming more difficult for graduates to attain temporary or permanent working visas, no matter what field you're in.

Based on my experiences last summer, the United States is making it hopelessly hard for us to find employment because Americans are intellectually challenged. You know, dumb.

For example, I applied for a reporter-in-training position at an investment newsletter in New York City. The company had no idea that Canadians needed a visa to work in the States because they assumed Americans could work in Canada without any legal questions. People in the office thought their status as Americans was good enough.

They also didn't ask any questions when they hired me because they thought I was an American living and studying in Canada. Yet they never asked me once which state I was from.

After a month-and-a-half of work, the legal problems began. When I was discussing possible solutions with the head of human resources and a couple of senior editors, I suggested looking into NAFTA for an answer.

"What is NAFTA?" they asked.

You've got to be kidding.

So I phoned the U.S. immigration office and asked them the same question. When I brought up NAFTA to the officer in charge, he asked: "What is NAFTA, sir?"

In the past five years, the United States has tightened restrictions not only for students, but also on any Canadian crossing the border for employment reasons.

A U.S. customs officer, if he's suspicious of anything, can impose a five-year ban on anyone attempting to enter the country, right at the border, no questions asked.

Be aware of the problems you could face if you want to work down south. Assume nobody knows what they're doing, and don't rely on anybody but yourself. In the end, it could be too late.

If you know how to get a Green Card, please inform Aldo Petrone.

Weird Newz

READY TO UNDERWEAR

A 6-foot-7 inch, 379 lb. man in Estonia has taken his battle to wear underwear all the way up to the president of his country.

The National Post reports a company refused his order for 10 custom pairs of underwear large enough to suit his body.

When President Lennart Meri heard the news, he personally intervened, calling the company's managers and asking them to deliver the order.

This case has been ongoing. In the 1980s, when Estonia was part of the former Soviet Union, the man threatened to walk around naked should stores continue to refuse his special clothing orders.

INTERVIEW SAYINGS

The New York Times published a list of strange occurrences to take place during job interviews. Brace yourself.

- A candidate couldn't answer any questions because of recent dental work.
- Someone said his reason to attend college was "to party and socialize."
- A girl showed up wearing a bathing suit.
- One man lit a cigar and tossed the match on to the carpet.
- Asked to bring his resume and two references, someone actually brought two people.
- One person ordered a pizza during a lunchtime interview.

It Is Written

"There's a great deal of sociological implication in Gilligan's Island. It takes a group of very carefully selected people who represent many different parts of society and shows how in a circumstance - being shipwrecked together - they have to learn to get along with one another."

-Sherwood Schwartz, producer



- Sherwood Schwartz first conceived Gilligan's Island in the spring of 1963. No one, not his agent, the network, or the cast, thought the show would fly
- The pilot, filmed in Hawaii, cost \$175,000 to make. Its last day of shooting coincided with the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.
- When Gilligan's Island premiered, one critic wrote in his review: "It is impossible that a more inept, moronic, or humourless show has ever appeared on the home tube." But it did great in the ratings
- After the first few episodes, a coast guard lieutenant delivered a dozen telegrams to Schwartz from viewers asking the United States Navy to rescue the castaways.
- The Skipper's real name, Jonas Grumby, was only used once in the pilot. Actor Bob Denver denies Gilligan's first name is Willy.

Lakeshore

Bld. smoking with colour



George Dimongerontas, a merchant on the bld., depends on students to make a living.

By KEVIN MASTERMAN
News Reporter

Lakeshore Blvd. W. is littered with a variety of mom and pop shops ranging from cozy licenced restaurants to smokey hemp shops.

The stretch of street that lines Lakeshore

campus is a throwback to the days when businesses were run by families and not corporations. With the odd empty shop and run-down storefront, Lakeshore may not be the most scenic street, but it has character and charm.

And this is reflected by those who work there and depend on student patronage.

The Greek Texan, a popular lunchtime hang-out for students, is thankful for the presence of Humber College.

Owner George Dimongerontas, said the students represent 35 per cent of his business.

"Without Humber College, a lot of businesses in this area would be closed down," said Dimongerontas. "It's a vital link."

He said his bar and grill allows customers to be laid back or rowdy. He does credit Humber with turning out what he called mature students - a change from years ago, when there were some problems with patrons.

"The student mind-set has evolved through the years, students are more calm," he said.

"They are mostly music students, more artistic types. Surprisingly, most of the students don't drink when they come here."

While sit-down restaurants can benefit

from Humber College, the fast-food chains rely on the high school crowd from Lakeshore Collegiate Institute, on Kipling Ave.

"The 'fry kids' as we usually call them, we get tons of them," said David Rossetti, a part-time worker at the fish and chip shop. The second-year Humber Theatre student said half the lunchtime crowd is made up of high schoolers looking for more greasy fare.

Rossetti said most students take the more convenient and faster cafeteria route within the school, but thinks they're missing out.

About five minutes west of the campus, is a tiny green shop, with a window for a door.

Squeezing into The Hidden Jungle, the smell of pot fills your nose, and a small Rottweiler lies on the ground.

Nick Mouse is the owner of this hemp shop.

He doesn't see the importance of the college to the area, Mouse said. He's just happy the residents don't kick him out.

"You guys (students) are living off Kraft dinner, you can't afford anything in here," said Mouse. Despite his claims that students aren't patrons, his other store is across the street from a high school in Mississauga.

"I get no customers, I don't make any money," he said, laughing.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA KUDLIK

Linda Pereira is taking her show on the road. She is off to California as an alternate for the Sisters of Jazz.

Jazz sister

By CHRISTINA KUDLIK
News Reporter

Humber College student vocalist Linda Pereira has been selected to be an alternate in the Sisters of Jazz Collegiate Combo - an all-female band in California.

And though Pereira was not asked to join the group as a full member, the second-year student never expected to get as far as she did.

"Just receiving the letter this year came as a big shock to me," she said.

The band, along with the International Association of Jazz Educators (IAJE), auditioned tapes from colleges and universities all over North America, Europe, and Australia.

Individuals chosen to go to a music conference in California had their transportation and accommodations at the Disneyland Resort and Conference Centre paid for by the IAJE.

Patricia Colter, the singer's instructor, who told her about the opportunity, is extremely proud of her accomplishments.

"It's quite remarkable that a student from the Humber program was chosen as a vocal alternate. There would have been hundreds of entries," said Colter.

Pereira is also working on a CD with internationally renowned Toronto musician and singer Carol Welsman. Pereira will be in the recording studio in April and hopes to have her first CD out by June or July.

Police divisions planning merger

■ *The TPSB is trying to equalize service with the merger*

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Twenty-one Division, located on Islington Ave. at the Q.E.W., is one of the stations slated for cuts. It's also the division that services the Lakeshore Campus.

The plan would have 21 Division folded into 22 Division, with officers from the latter station servicing the entire area.

The proposal has area residents worried about the possibility that fewer officers will be available. "They will not guarantee that there wouldn't be (fewer officers)," said Joyce Champagne, chair of the community police liaison committee for south Etobicoke.

Champagne said everyone should be concerned, including Humber students.

"Twenty-two is a big division on its own. If they close 21 that will make it even bigger," she said.

A staff of 185 civilians and uniformed personnel work out of 22 Division, and another 109 are assigned to 21 Division.

Champagne presented a deposition to the TPSB just before Christmas outlining the losses she said the proposed restructuring will cause. "Twenty-one Division officers would be coming out of 22 down to this area, but I'm

concerned that eventually we're going to see less officers than we have now," said Champagne.

Acting Staff Sgt. Jon Schmidt, project manager for the plan, said much of the community's concern results from a lack of information.

"I don't think we've been successful in communicating and we have to accept some of the responsibility," said Schmidt in a telephone interview. "It's going to be another few weeks before we can start getting the information out."

Schmidt made it clear the restructuring process is only in the planning stage. Factors such as demographics, crime statistics and calls for service will be carefully considered



before the plans are finalized.

Schmidt noted that police divisions currently range in size from 104 officers to 369 officers, and calls for service range in number from 19,203 every year to as high as 79,849 annually at one division in Toronto.

"What we're trying to do is equalize demand across the city," said Schmidt.

"It's not as simple as having an equal num-

ber of officers." He declined to speculate if that would mean an increase or decrease in the number of officers for 21 Division.

Unit commanders for each division will be discussing these issues with police community liaison committees. Students will have the chance to voice their concerns at town-hall meetings scheduled for later in the year.

Ginger Robertson, a first-year Policing student at Lakeshore Campus and 22 Division volunteer, said she's not concerned with the proposal.

"They can't arbitrarily close (a station) without proper planning and implementation," said Robertson. She is confident the TPSB will ensure the police have adequate resources for the number and types of calls for service.

Const. Stewart Davidson said police restructuring is a product of adapting to the changing needs of a community. "What Scarborough needed 10 years ago will change from what Scarborough needs now," said Davidson, of 23 Division, which services Humber's North Campus.

While there are no major changes proposed for the North Campus policing area, Davidson says it really doesn't matter which division provides service. "You have the same level of policing, the same programs for the college, and the same expertise."

Champagne is encouraging Humber students to sign her petition to maintain the 21 Division boundaries.

"The more signatures the better. It lets them know that it's a community that's up in arms."

The plan to restructure division boundaries was an initial recommendation by the police's Beyond 2000 Restructuring Task Force in 1991.

On Campus

On Campus etc.

■ Don Hamilton

Flags around the school were at half-mast this week to mourn the loss of Don Hamilton, a long-serving faculty member in the School of Health Sciences. He will be most remembered for organizing and teaching students, staff and external clients First Aid and CPR.

Hamilton was connected with St. John's Ambulance, teaching his first course for them in 1959. His instruction in this field was on a part-time basis until 1990 when he came to the College as a full-time instructor.

In 1997, Don was invested as a Serving Brother of The Order of St. John, by Romeo LeBlanc, Governor General of Canada, in recognition of his contribution as an instructor and trainer of First Aid for St. John's Ambulance.

The School of Health Sciences will be holding a private service this week.

■ Vendors Fair

This year's Vendor's Fair will take place in the concourse all next week. Everything from jewellery to outerwear, all with a Valentine's Day theme, will be available. Contact Lise Janssen in the SAC office for more information. The fair will be held during the morning hours.

Et Cetera Profiles

OPP Commish honoured by province

BY SHANNA RUNDLE
On Campus Reporter

Gwenn Boniface, a former student, will receive an Ontario Premier's award in mid-February.

After Boniface graduated from Humber in 1977 with a Law Enforcement diploma, she went on to pursue her Bachelor of Arts degree at York University. She also has a Bachelor of Laws degree from Osgoode Hall Law School (1988). Since then, she's been on the force for 22 years.

When asked how she felt about being the winner, Boniface replied: "it was wonderful news."

Boniface was recently appointed Commissioner of the 6000-member force of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), and is receiving the award in recognition of her law and policing career.

Humber College and Humber Alumni, along with the province, are rewarding her for the great success that stemmed from her college experience.

Boniface said her appointment as commissioner "has been a very positive experience."

"I received the Toronto Sun's *Woman on the Move Award* a couple of years ago," she said. "I was also an academic winner in my first year of the Law Enforcement course."

Some of her contributions to the community include serving on the boards for Child Find Ontario; Western Area Youth Services; and the Law Commission of Canada.

She has been a volunteer at a shelter for families that are victims of violence, and is a strong supporter of the Cops for Cancer fundraiser.

The Ontario Premier's award honours the outstanding achievements of college graduates.

"We're very proud that Gwenn won the award," said Suzanne Gaudette, Humber Alumni Officer.

Annually, each of Ontario's 25 colleges submits four nominations in the areas of Applied Arts, Business, Health Sciences, and Technology. Boniface was nominated in the Applied Arts category.

There were 70 nominations in total from 24 of the 25 colleges. Boniface was the only Humber winner.

Gaudette said Boniface was



COURTESY PHOTO

Former grad Gwenn Boniface can now add an Ontario Premier's award to her many accomplishments.

surprised to hear that she had won.

"She was honoured to be considered a nominee," she said.

"What sets her apart is the fact that she's only one of three female police chiefs in Canada," said Gaudette.

An internal selection committee, consisting of college president Robert Gordon, repre-

sentatives from the Board of Governors, Humber Alumni, and administrators, sent four nominees to the provincial level where the Council of Regents made their decision.

Humber will be the host college of the event as part of the Feb. 15 conference of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology.

HRT eyeing the future

BY SHAUNA DUFFY
On Campus Reporter

Hospitality students who have the cash to come back after graduation should check out Beyond Graduation Day.

Sponsored by the School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism (HRT), students in a hospitality program can find out on March 16 about post-graduate programs available at Humber.

The programs outlined are: Sports Equipment Specialist, Recreation and Leisure Services, Travel and Tourism, HRT, and Eco-tourism.

Dean Wylie, special events coordinator for HRT, says the point of the post-graduate programs is to "add diversity to their (students') portfolios."

Students who do enroll in a post-graduate program may have an advantage, according to Wylie. He said they'll have a "lighter load," depending on what program they're in.

John Walker, director of the HRT Alliance, said some do well with a

two-year diploma, but there's added value in taking a post-graduate program.

"The goal isn't revenue based. The goal is it's responding to the marketplace," Walker said.

Being a dynamic institution, as Walker puts it, Humber aims to prepare students for the marketplace.

"Ten years ago we tended to pigeon hole students, but now we have a learning freeway. You get on and off where you want to."

Walker said faculty have reported that students who come back to school after working, contribute more to the learning environment. He added these are the better students.

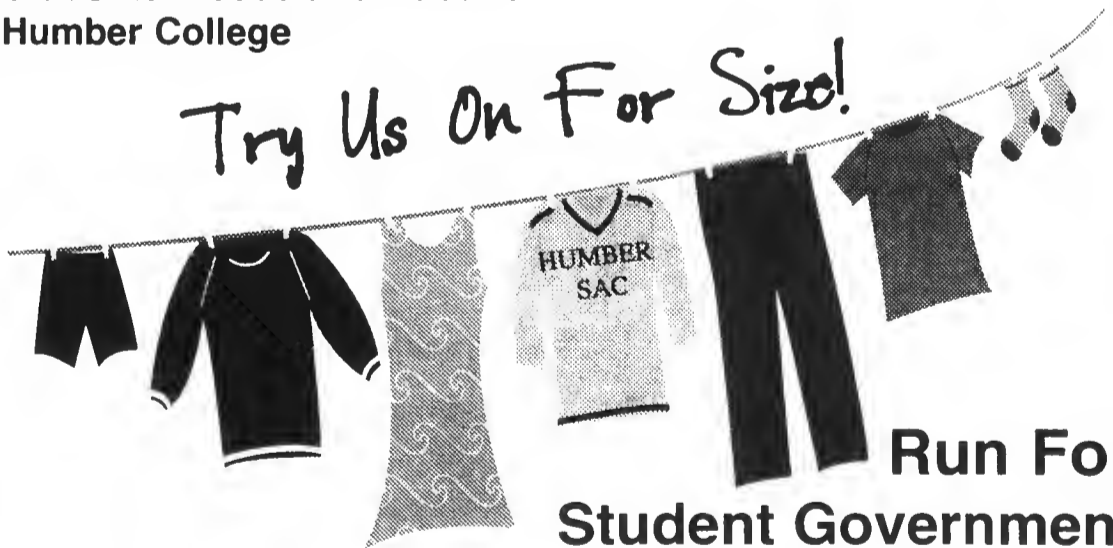
"Classes are not generalized, but there are common subjects students take so they can move from one area to another," Walker said.

"What we're doing now is a complete audit so students can move around," Walker continued.

More information about the post-graduate programs is available in the HRT office at Humber's North campus.

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Executive and Board of Governor's: March 23 - 25 '99

School/Divisional Reps: April 13 - 14 '99

Biz/Tech etc.

■ Cutting edge of change

Last week, Brampton-based telecommunication giant Nortel Networks announced it will sell or close some of its 24 manufacturing plants, cutting 8,000 jobs worldwide. Companies like Nortel are switching their focus from hardware manufacturing to building high-speed, Internet-based communication networks which offers higher profits. Northern Telecom Ltd. formerly known as Northern Electric, was formed in 1895 to make phones. However, in the early years the company turned its attention to manufacturing radios, TVs and Hammond organs.

■ Big payday

Three of the five big banks in the country have reported earnings of their top executives last year. The Royal Bank paid its chairman John Cleghorn \$2.2 million down from \$3.2 million in 1997. Matthew Barrett, chairman of the Bank of Montreal took home \$4.5 million, 6.8 per cent more than in 1997. The chairman of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) Al Flood was paid \$1 million last year. The Toronto Dominion Bank and the Bank of Nova Scotia have not yet reported the salaries of their top executives.

■ Financial outlook

The Bank of Nova Scotia has predicted that worldwide economic growth will fall this year to its lowest level in 20 years. The bank said the drop in demand for many products, which is the result of the economic tumult in Asia, Russia and Latin America will continue to erode corporate profits, slow job creation and keep interest rates low. The bank said economic growth in Canada will average less than two per cent in 1999. This is about half a percentage point behind the U.S. economy.

■ Euro watch

Despite demonstrations by Euro protestors during the currency's inauguration early this month, the currency jumped from an initial reference rate of \$1.167 US to \$1.182 US on its first day of trading.

Managing the net at Humber

BY CLAUDIA ZOQUE
Biz/Tech Reporter

Just as the telegraph made way for the telephone and the vinyl record stepped aside for the compact disc, libraries are collecting dust bunnies with the explosion of the Internet.

There is a growing need for people with a comprehensive set of skills in all aspects of site development. Humber College recognized the demand for web developing programs, and in September, 1997, the Internet Management program was introduced to train people to be entry level web site developers.

Unlike other programs at Humber, Internet-related subjects will stand a harder test because of the constant change in technology.

Internet management professor James Cullin is already looking at ways to adjust the new program's future curriculum to reflect the changing industry.

"Currently, the program is structured so that we assume that you have no web development experience at all," said Cullin.

Students from secondary schools are now graduating with basic web design and this may pave the way to the requiring web developing skills for admittance into the program.

"We need to get through the basics more rapidly," said Cullin.

"In order to do that, at some point in the future, I'd like to see the Internet Management program assume a prior knowledge about basic web development."

William Hanna, dean of the School of Media Studies, noted that with every high-end program, more web writing will be included and a larger component of creative web design and web writing will be introduced.

New building technology

BY BETH SHUMAN
Biz/Tech Reporter

Pondering the possibilities of what you will do when you finally finish school? For some, starting up a business in the area of new technology is both exciting and challenging.

Opportunities in high tech industries are varied, ranging from corporate Internet services to building homes that are fire proof, rodent proof and energy efficient.

Mike Diamond and Mark Hunter, two young entrepreneurs from Toronto spent the last three years researching new construction methods and started SilverTech Building Systems Inc.

In a relatively low-tech indus-



PHOTO BY CLAUDIA ZOQUE

Students in many programs like Andrew Douglas in Multimedia are adding Internet skills to their portfolios

"It's one of those areas where you have to pay constant attention to the field to stay on the cutting edge," Hanna said.

The program is ideal for students with a variety of backgrounds including engineering, marketing, communications and arts. Although the program is only three semesters, the curriculum covers a lot of ground.

Subjects include interface design, web programming, database integration, integration of multimedia in terms of audio and video streaming and an ability to write for the web.

Clement Lo, 43, graduated from the first batch of students after working 15 years in marketing and research.

"I decided to make a career change in an area that had to do with technology," said Lo. "The Internet was the perfect candidate. I saw a growing trend of using the Internet as a marketing tool."

Lo said the Internet is always a changing field but that he came out of the program with a set of skills that helped him get a step closer to

what he wanted professionally.

"You have to keep up with the program and do work whenever you have free time. Being the first class, it was a learning experience for everyone but students should look to themselves to develop the skills and not the professors," he said.

Helen Briggs, 46, also an alumnus from the first group, was lured into the magical world of the web when she was surfing on the Internet and came across information about Humber's program.

"I loved learning," said Briggs. "Because the program was so intense we could only basically skim the surface of the different areas if I wanted to learn more, I'd have to do my own learning."

The mother of two had been self-employed for a number of years and realized she wanted a creative element added to her strong business and management skills.

Upon graduating she was employed by Humber College as the web technician administrator.

For such a dynamic field, a gen-

eral consensus of students is that at times, the constant changing of the information overload can work against their productivity goals.

"Some of them (teachers) need more pedagogical training," said Briggs. "The program was trying to find the right fit for instructors in some areas and not just teachers that were working in the school but were working in the industry."

Ravi Thukur, 35, another alumnus of the program, was recently employed by Maritz Canada Inc. as an assistant web developer. He said that basics are not enough to clinch the job.

"It gave us the fundamentals," said Thukur. "The market has changed dramatically in the last six months and it is not enough to take one course which gives you the basics. You have to take more courses like I did with Java and Weasel."

Gord Collins is currently enrolled in the Internet Management program and has a piece of advice for students who are considering adding an element of web into their education.

"They should have an idea of where they want to go," said Collins. "You need some experience on the job and a portfolio."

"In order to break into the field, know that employers are not hiring entry level people but people with specific skills," said Collins. "It's not realistic to believe you're employable after eight months."

Collins said the workload is very intense and expectations of becoming a web guru after graduating from the program are simply unrealistic.

He said students are taught the basics of web development and it is in their best interest to continue their education even after graduation.

Web etc.

■ Space weather

If you want to know more about the Sun and how storms in space affect the Earth, this is your site. Developed by the University of Michigan, it exploits unique digital teaching tools. Click on the section on Basic Facts for richly-illustrated interactive primer on the subject.
<http://windows.engin.umich.edu/spaceweather>

■ Holo kids

This interesting Webpage designed for young students explains Holograms and lasers.
www.holoworld.com

Pagers get personal

BY CHRIS HOLLOWAY
Et Cetera Staff

If you ever had trouble clipping your laptop to your belt, the Inter@ctive Pager 950 may be for you.

The tiny unit has a miniature keyboard, and an eight line display screen. It can send or receive e-mail, faxes, and pages.

Pages can be sent in text format, or text to voice, where a digital voice reads your message to the listener.

Several companies in the

United States have tried to come up with a similar unit, but the Pager 950 passes all of them.

The unit is made by Waterloo-based Research in Motion (RIM), and will be available in Canada Feb 1.

Jim Balsillie, CEO from RIM, said it is a big step for digital data. While past models ran on batteries similar to cell phones, the Inter@ctive Pager runs for several weeks on one AA battery, which can be recharged every couple days.

Also, it can send messages up to 16,000 characters as opposed to 500 by cell phones.

"This device is like a wearable 386 computer, but has the size, and coverage of a pager," Balsillie said.

John Butler, of Rogers Cantel Inc - which will distribute the pagers in Canada - expects the device to be popular.

"The only indicator we have is how it's done in the States," Butler said. "We think it's going to be very big."

The Pagers have sold over 10,000 units in the four months they've been available in the U.S.

Service is available to over 90 per cent of the urban population, and being used four times as much as expected.

Dr. Bruce Rowat of Toronto, who owns one of the pagers, finds it to be a useful communications tool.

"At first it was just a new toy," he said. "Now, I can't believe the use I get out of it."

The only downside is the cost. The unit itself will cost about \$500 and it costs \$20 to \$50 a month to use the device.

It is aimed mainly at business people, but as the technology becomes more common, the cost will come down.



PHOTO BY CHRIS HOLLOWAY

RIM's interactive digital pager is not only state of the art technology but promises to beat them all.

Tradespeople needed to fill industry positions

BY BRIGETTE BROTHERTON
Biz/Tech Reporter

Ontario's workforce needs more skilled trades people, according to Bob Moulton, director of Humber's School for the Built Environments.

He said Humber offers apprenticeship programs where student can earn certification through on the job work experience.

"Apprenticeship programs are other ways students can up-grade their skills," Moulton said.

Moulton said you have to have a passion and interest for a trade when taking an apprenticeship course with an employer.

"With many of the currently skilled tradespeople (stonemasons, electricians and plumbers) facing retirement, the demand has increased for highly skilled workers in these areas," remarked Moulton.

According to Moulton, the government usually hires skilled trades people from Europe to fill these positions, but the cost of living here is too high now to attract such people.

He also stated the criteria for students entering into apprenticeship contracts have risen to include post graduate and university educated individuals.

"The biggest misconception is that parents, teachers and students believe that apprenticeship programs are for the less educated.

But in fact, many highly educated university and college students are returning back to school to take up such programs," he said.

There is a drawback to the apprenticeship program, which is sponsored by the government, when recession hits.

"When that happens, students

"The biggest misconception is that parents, teachers and students believe that apprenticeship programs are for the less educated" - Bob Moulton

will have to find their own employment or make other arrangements," said Moulton.

Moulton said the program is advantageous in that students get experience, are paid while learning and can network with other people in the industry.

Richard Hook, vice president of Academics at Humber College added universities and colleges are working in conjunction with government to address the issue of unskilled labor.

"The demand for skilled workers in Ontario is high in the areas of media, computer design and manufacturing," Hook said.

He said not enough people are

trained in computer applications which is a skill now in demand by Ontario employers.

At Humber College, a total of 60,000 students are returning to learn a trade.

Humber offers short programs and is expanding other programs for those who want to upgrade in a shorter period of time to keep up with the current skills trends.

"The Digital Imaging Centre is one of the areas in which Humber College North wants to expand its short program focus to meet the current skills demand," Hook said.

Connect to a job

■ Jerry Veru, a representative at the Ontario Jobs Investment Board, which was set up to address the unskilled labor issue had this to say:

"The Jobs Connect program set up by the government can be used to find employment. It matches employers with employees. If the applicant lacks the necessary skills, he can be trained on the job or referred to an educational facility to upgrade his skills."

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HUMBER LISTENS

We may be surveying you to pieces, but that's because we care about what you have to say.

We always have.

Based on survey results, the College developed a set of classroom design principles and standards; renovated a couple of classrooms to test the standards; and identified classrooms requiring upgrading.

Also the Call Centre opened in August to provide improved levels of service to prospective and current students.

Humber College

Keep telling us more.... We're listening.

Health

Health etc.

■ No deal in blood scandal

The Hepatitis C Society of Canada has rejected a \$1.1 billion deal, which would have compensated about 6,000 people infected by Hep C between 1986 and 1990. Lawyers representing the victims said most of their clients were willing to accept the offer and give a thumbs down to the rejection.

-The Toronto Star

■ Walk falls short of goal

The Ontario father who walked across the country to raise money for genetic research has fallen short of his \$10 million goal. John Davidson walked in honour of his eighteen-year-old son Jesse, who suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. He left St. John's Nfld., on April 1, 1998 and dipped his foot in the Pacific last Wednesday, raising \$2 million along the way. Davidson hopes to make up the difference through corporate donations.

-The Toronto Star

■ Cancer patients off to US

Ontario cancer patients are headed to various American cities as early as the end of February to undergo radiation treatment. The plan is aimed to reduce a backlog in waiting times. The proposal was approved last Thursday by Cancer Care Ontario, the government funded agency that which coordinates cancer services. The estimated cost to taxpayers will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per patient for travel, accommodation and treatment. Exactly who will go has yet to be determined.

-The Toronto Star

The SAD part of winter

■ *Dark days of winter cause a serious depression in some people*

BY ORIETTA CALCINA
Health Reporter

The start of the year is commonly seen as a time for new beginnings.

For Jan, however, winter used to be seen as "crash and burn time."

Jan, a member of the Humber community who asked not to be identified, suffers from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). It is an illness suffered by some people living in climates which don't receive much sunlight during the fall and winter months. It leaves the sufferer feeling depressed and confused.

"You're down and you don't know why," Jan said.

She added her symptoms first surfaced six years ago, but she was only diagnosed in 1997 after a trip to the Bahamas. She noticed a positive change in her condition while on vacation and the symptoms didn't kick when she returned until much later. It was only then that she began to suspect she had SAD.

Jan said her doctor took her seriously after years of complaining each January and February of insomnia, lethargy, isolation, depression and irritability.

"I felt like there was someone else controlling me, but it wasn't me," she said. "I was sad, depressed...I had feelings of helplessness."

According to Eric Jonasson, the information research manager at the Mood Disorders Association of Metropolitan Toronto, people who suffer from SAD normally feel the effects between the end of October until the end of February. As the days slowly become longer, things gradually improve.

"It affects behaviour and eating habits," Jonasson said. "They end up not doing normal activities, slowing down and almost end up in hibernation mode."

As of yet, there are no known causes for SAD, only theories, which makes it difficult to diagnose.

"It takes awhile to identify," Jonasson said. "It's atypical, a reversal of other depressions and the accompanying symptoms. When it occurs, it's related to a certain time of year, it doesn't happen all the time. Other forms of depression are normally related to a traumatic event."

According to Dr. Albert Leung, a physician with a special interest in SAD, most people experience a form of common depression from time to time, but usually find a way to deal with it. SAD can be debilitating.

Leung added that one theory regarding what causes SAD is a lack of sunlight.

"The theory suggests that because days are shorter and there's less light, there's an increase of melatonin in the brain. Through this chemical reaction, the increased secretion has an



PHOTO BY ORIETTA CALCINA

It's enough to make anyone sing the winter blues. But for people who suffer from SAD, this season can be debilitating.

affect on people becoming more depressed. Increasing the length of day, decreases the secretion of melatonin."

Leung also suggested there may be other causes of SAD, such as the cold weather, darker days, people staying indoors and a decrease in physical activity during the winter.

"Exercise is very important as it increases the level of endorphins," he said.

"Endorphins are the enzymes that control the level of well being. They also help prevent stress and aid sleep."

If you suspect you may suffer from SAD, it's best to contact your doctor.

For additional information, you can also contact the Mood Disorders Association of Metropolitan Toronto at (416) 486-8046.

The SAD truth

Symptoms

A noticeable increase in:

- Sleep, lethargy.
- Eating, especially cravings for carbohydrates.
- Feelings of isolation, but less socialization (i.e. hibernating).
- Irritability and agitation.

Possible treatments

- Monitoring, possibly changing lifestyle habits: sleep, diet and exercise.
- Special sunlamps or light boxes.
- Vitamin supplements, such as vitamin D.
- Tryptophan.
- Anti-depressants.

-Abnormal Psychology

Women's health forum and expo is a hit

BY VICTORIA MUSGRAVE
Health Reporter

The third annual Women's Health Matters Forum and Expo was one event you didn't want to miss.

More than 8,000 people attended the two-day spectacle that took place at the Toronto Convention Centre last weekend. For the organizers, it was a pleasant increase from last year, when 6,000 people attended.

"It was a big success," said Negar Mahdavian, one of the event's organizers. "The sponsors are thrilled and many of the exhibitors have signed up for next year."

The Expo, which is organized by Women's College Hospital and funded by corporate sponsors, is a unique experience that allows the public to meet with doctors, researchers, alternative healthcare providers and representatives from pharmaceutical companies. About 100 exhibits and 40 seminars were featured.

"Women have specific health issues and needs and it is appropriate that they have a forum to gain information geared to them," said Jane Pepino, the chair of the board of directors at Women's College Hospital.

The festivities kicked off last Friday morning with an opening address by Ontario Health



Minister Elizabeth Witmer. The Exhibit Hall opened with an explosion of colourful paper streamers and free refreshments were offered to those in attendance.

At the exhibits, participants could collect pamphlets on a wide range of health issues as well as

collect free samples of vitamins, breakfast cereals and hand lotions.

Short presentations on topics such as Yoga, massage, swing dancing and the proper use of automobile airbags were also given in the Exhibit Hall.

Women and body image was one of the more popular topics at the Expo.

More than 700 people came to hear Dr. Mary Pipher's seminar, "Reviving Ophelia," in which she talked about the devastating effect that our image-obsessed society has on girls.

The seminar "Food, Body and Growing Up Female," given by Carla Rice, the co-ordinator of the

Body Image program at Women's College Hospital, was also filled to capacity.

Another highlight of the Expo was the "Up in Smoke: Women and Smoking," a seminar given by Dr. Kim Bercovitz of the Toronto Hospital. Bercovitz discussed the many options that are now available to help women quit smoking and encouraged those in attendance to become active in the fight against the big tobacco companies.

Fortunately, for those who attended, the Expo was not interrupted by the power failure that disrupted the Interior Design Show, which was taking place nearby.

Not tonight, I've got a bad headache!

■ Migraines cause a high level of discomfort

BY JENNIFER PECK
Health Reporter

Tension and stress are often associated with the common headache.

If it's severe, however, an infection or migraine could be the culprit.

According to Humber College nurse Marg Anne Jones, headaches are quite common, but if they're accompanied by unusually severe pain or persist for longer than two days, a visit to the doctor is the next step.

"There are tension headaches from stress," she said. "But there are also headaches associated with such infections as the flu and vascular headaches such as migraines from the swelling of the blood vessels in the head."

Suzanne Simons, the executive

director of the National Headache Foundation in Chicago, said migraines can be hereditary and 70 per cent of women suffer from them.

"If one parent has them, there is a 50 per cent chance the child will have it," she said. "If there are two parents, it goes up to 75 per cent."

Second-year Humber Nursing student Meaghen Mulhall said she started getting severe migraines two years ago.

"I went through a period last year where I'd have two migraines a week, which would last two to three days each," she said. "They affect my whole body: It starts right above the eyebrows, goes through my scalp and right down my neck. It feels like a knife going right behind my eyes, right



PHOTO BY JENNIFER PECK

Nursing student Meaghen Mulhall used to be plagued by two migraines each week.

through my temples."

Mulhall said it has also affected her nursing internship at times because the pain would be so bad she would have to go home.

"My eyes would go glossy (from the pain) as if I'm drunk and I could hardly keep my eyes

open," she said.

According to Jones, certain factors such as bright flickering lights or certain foods can also affect the onset of migraines in some people.

Mulhall said she knows that if she does certain things or eats certain foods a migraine will occur.

"I get migraines after long periods of reading, not eating or not wearing my glasses," she said. "Foods such as cheese and caffeine will also cause one."

Emily Lezitt, the communications manager for the Migraine Association of Canada, said it's important that people watch their health if they hope to cut down on their headaches.

"Sleeping, eating, exercising regularly, not smoking and not overworking are important lifestyle factors for good health," she said.

According to Lezitt, there are two main types of treatment for migraine sufferers. The first is drug therapy, either over-the-counter or prescription medication. The other type of therapy involves alternative medicine, such as visiting a chiropractor,

relaxing and taking herbal medicines such as vitamin B2.

Mulhall was diagnosed over a year ago and now takes prescription medication for migraines.

"I get about one migraine a week now, but the pain is not as severe if I catch it early enough," she said.

"A dark room usually helps and sometimes if I take a nap, the migraine might go away by the time I wake up."

Managing your headache

- Know when to consult your doctor.
- Don't hesitate to ask your pharmacist questions about pain relievers.
- Consider any existing medical conditions that may be adversely affected by medication.
- Follow package directions carefully.
- Don't take pain relievers daily.
- Eat healthy and get enough exercise.

-American Council for Headache Education

Pucker up, but stay moisturized

■ The winter can leave lips dry and sore

BY NATALIE DAYE
Health Reporter

If you like doing your best L.L. Cool J impressions outdoors, stop immediately!

"Smacking your lips together in strong winds tends to aggravate the situation by removing the moisture in your lips," said Dr. Brian Zidel of the Malton Medical Group.

The skin on lips is particularly sensitive to dry, cold and windy conditions and is thus more prone to wind burn and chapping.

When lips are chapped, it means the skin has become too dry due to a reduction in the amount of natural oils in the skin.

"We tend to get chapped lips more in the winter because the oil-secreting glands in the skin produce at a slower rate in the winter than in the summer," Zidel said.

During the winter, we need to help our skin stay soft and moisturized.

"One way to do this is by keeping skin hydrated," Zidel said. "Using a balm such as Vaseline before your lips begin to chap, will form a protective layer that keeps moisture in, but it has to be applied on a daily basis before the problem arises."

Second-year Design Foundation student Mike Woodgate has devised his own methods of

care.

"I like to eat orange Popsicles, anything that keeps them (lips) cool and moist," he said.

Second-year Humber Early Childhood Education student Tamara Joseph said she uses "any type of lip balm, as long as it soothes."

Moisturizing lips with any creams or balms containing vitamin E or aloe vera can help keep them feeling supple.

Zidel, however, warned against using products containing camphor, such as Vicks VapoRub, a menthol vapour used to treat colds. There is a toxic ingredient used in most vapourizing ointments.

"Camphor, if ingested, can be toxic to the body. Studies have shown that it can kill small children and there isn't any great evidence that it works, so it's not a good idea to put it on your mouth of all places," he said.

Dry indoor heat is another source which makes skin especially prone to dryness in the winter. The lack of humidity indoors sucks the skin of moisture, leaving it flaky, itchy and dry.

"Keep your car's heat to a minimum, or direct the vents away from your face and hands," suggested Zidel. "At home, replenish the moisture in the air with a humidifier."

This winter season, keep your lips happy and lush.

They'll thank you for it!



PHOTO BY NATALIE DAYE

The skin on lips is very sensitive to dry, cold and windy conditions and is more prone to wind burn and chapping.

Is ER care for Humber students really close by?

By Rishma Govani
Health Reporter

You accidentally fall and break on your leg on the stairs en route to the Pipe for lunch. What happens next?

Etobicoke General Hospital is located across the street from Humber College.

But with the recent overcrowding of ER rooms, can EGH accommodate you or will you be redirected to another hospital for medical attention?

"It's most likely that a Humber student would be taken to Etobicoke General," said Melissa Cormier, the Public Relations manager at EGH. "The only way a Humber student would not be admitted is if we already have many serious cases at once and it is in the judgement of the ambulance personnel whether that student is in jeopardy or not."

Under redirect consideration, ambulances are asked to go to another hospital for all but the serious cases. According to the severity of the case, emergency personnel will determine the redirection of patients.

"If we are dealing with a serious case, someone who is in critical condition, a neighbouring hospital who is less busy may have to take the less serious patient in," Cormier said.

Cormier added that media

coverage about the issue is often misleading. Only hospitals under critical care bypass close their emergency room doors. Discretion is used by hospitals under redirect designation, but everyone tries to do their best.

"Etobicoke General Hospital has a reputation of less re-directs than other hospitals," she said.

What about Humber's own Health Services? Registered Nurse Cheryl Deszpoth said that nearly 60 students are seen each day, the majority of which are non-emergency cases.

"All of Humber's nurses and security personnel are trained for emergencies, but on a whole these emergencies do not occur often."

Most students don't seem to think about whether they will be treated at Etobicoke General Hospital if they are facing a medical emergency.

"It's not that I'm not concerned about my own personal safety, I just don't worry about getting into an accident or hurting myself," said Marketing student Shezleen Vellani. "Therefore, I don't think about where I would be treated if something like that were to happen."

For more information on this issue, you can log onto the Hospital Restructuring Commission's website @ www.hscc-crss.org

What's Up in February

SAC North & Caps

\$1.00 Admission Donated to BACCHUS Canada - All of February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Tribute to Bob Marley Day ~ In the Student Centre Pub Night & Soccer Fund Raiser Doors open @ 8:00pm	5	
← Vendors Fair → ~ In the Concourse ~						
	8	9	10	11 Pub Night Doors open @ 8:00pm	12	
← Career Fair → ~ In the Concourse ~						
	15	16	17 HEALTHY SEXUALITY DAY Guest Speaker Sue Johanson ~ 12 noon Student Centre	18 Pub Night Doors open @ 8:00pm	19	
← Imaginus Poster Sale → ~ In the Concourse ~						
	22	23	24 Movie Premier Urban Legend ~8:00pm in the Lecture Hall !Free Show! In Association with REZ	25 Pub Night Doors open @ 8:00pm Clubs Fair ~10:00am - 2:00pm	26	

Athletics Events Calendar

Aerobics Monday to Friday 12:10 - 12:45pm also Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 1:10 - 1:45pm *

*Check your local listings

AquaFitness Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 1:00 - 2:00pm *

Women's Weight Training & Fitness Every Monday & Wednesday from 4.45 - 5:30pm *

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ♦Ice Hockey League Begins ♦Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Entries Open	2	3 ♦Build the Best Snowman Contest ~2:00- 4:00pm	4 ♦Varsity Men's Hockey vs. Fleming ~5:00pm ♦Varsity Women's Volleyball vs. Centennial ~6:00pm	5	
	8	9	10 ♦Fit for Heart MasterBlaster ~12:00 - 2:00pm	11 ♦Individual Superstars Tournament ~2:00 - 4:00pm	12	
	15 ♦Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Entries Close ~ Organizational Meeting 2.00- 4.00pm	16 ♦Basketball Dunk Contest ~2:00- 4:00pm	17 ♦Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Begins ~2:00pm	18 ♦Varsity Women's Volleyball vs. Seneca ~6:00pm	19	20 ♦Varsity Men's Hockey vs. Sault ~7:30pm
	22 ♦Entries Open for Co-ed Broomball Tournament ♦Badminton Singles Tournament	23	24 ♦Ice Hockey Skills Contest ~2:00- 4:00pm ♦Varsity Women's Basketball vs. Seneca ~6:00pm ♦Varsity Men's Basketball vs. Seneca ~8:00pm	25 ♦Varsity Men's Volleyball vs. Seneca ~8:00pm ♦Varsity Women's Basketball vs. Georgian ~6:00pm ♦Varsity Men's Hockey vs. Conestoga ~4:30pm	26	27 ♦Varsity Men's Hockey vs. Cambrian ~7:30pm

Residence

Every Monday Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 REZ Nights @ the Humber Gym

On Sale Feb. 7-12 Balloon-O-Grams for Valentine's Day

On Sale Feb. 19 Pub Trip - Mystery Pub!

Feb. 24 8:00pm Movie Premier: Urban Legend
In Association with SAC
In the Lecture Hall !Free Show!

All of February Multi-Cultural & Diversity Celebration Month
Different Events / Different Days

Council of Student Affairs

Executive Nominations
Pick up packages in SAC Office

Open Feb. 18
Close Feb. 25

All Candidates Meeting
In SAC Board Room

Feb. 26

SAC Lakeshore

February 15 Comedian ~ Carl Strong
12 noon - Lower Cafe

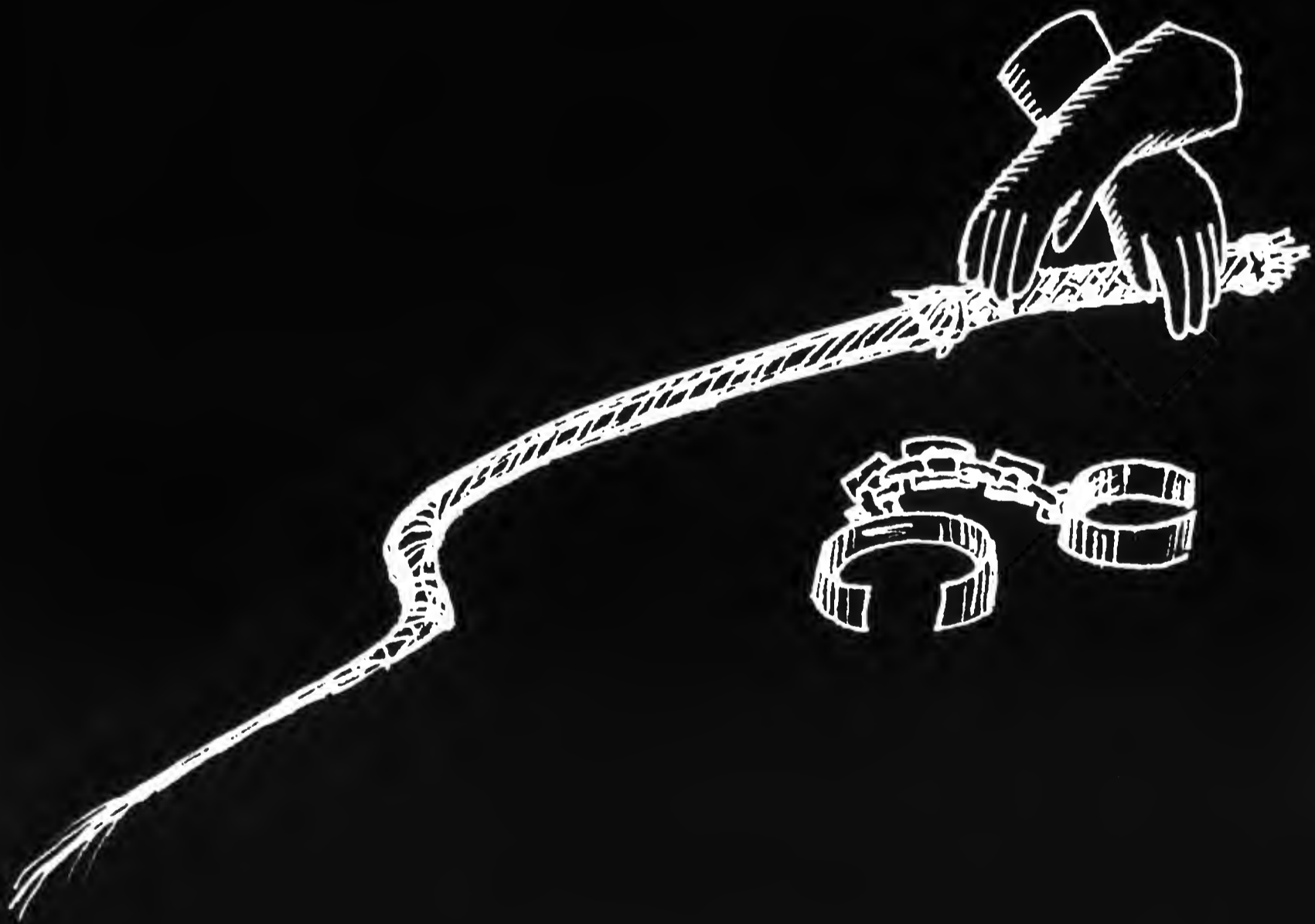


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Sham Hatten

Meaning Misunderstood

By Phil W.

My Beanie Baby is a cat. His name is Felix. He has short brown fur with little tiny whiskers and pink paws. When I pet him, he brings me luck.

Every night I tuck him into his little bed beside mine and read him a story.

If I don't have my Beanie Baby with me, bad things could happen.

Do I have a fetish?

Generally, a fetish isn't regarded as being something bad. It doesn't even have to be something sexual. It may just be something that gives you reassurance in life.

The Webster dictionary says a fetish is an object that you have an unreasoning devotion to or concern for, possibly a good luck charm or a sentimental possession. It has, however, taken on an entirely new meaning in the minds of the public.

A fetish such as my fixation on Felix the Beanie Baby is for luck. If taken too far it could become an obsession.

When you think of a fetish in a sexual context, most people mention anything from a foot fetish to bondage.

Those with a sexual fetish get stimulated by focusing on the object of their desire.

When Humboldt students were asked to define a fetish, they automatically indicated a fetish was something sexual.

Ted Nielson, a part-time Mechanical Engineering student said, "A fetish is an obsession with an item. I've heard of a foot fetish. It's like an abnormal obsession."

Jim Perryment, a Horticultural student said, "Regardless of what it is, something that might be normal or abnormal to one person could be sexual to another. Something like a foot fetish."

Stephanie Lei said, "A fetish is something out of the ordinary that excites a person, like a garter belt."

Cyril Bulanda, a Humboldt counsellor said, "A fetish is something you use to symbolize power."

Some common, non-sexual fetishes could be a rabbit's foot or a four leaf clover.

The fetish symbolizes power because, people think, that the object will protect them from having an accident. Bulanda said.

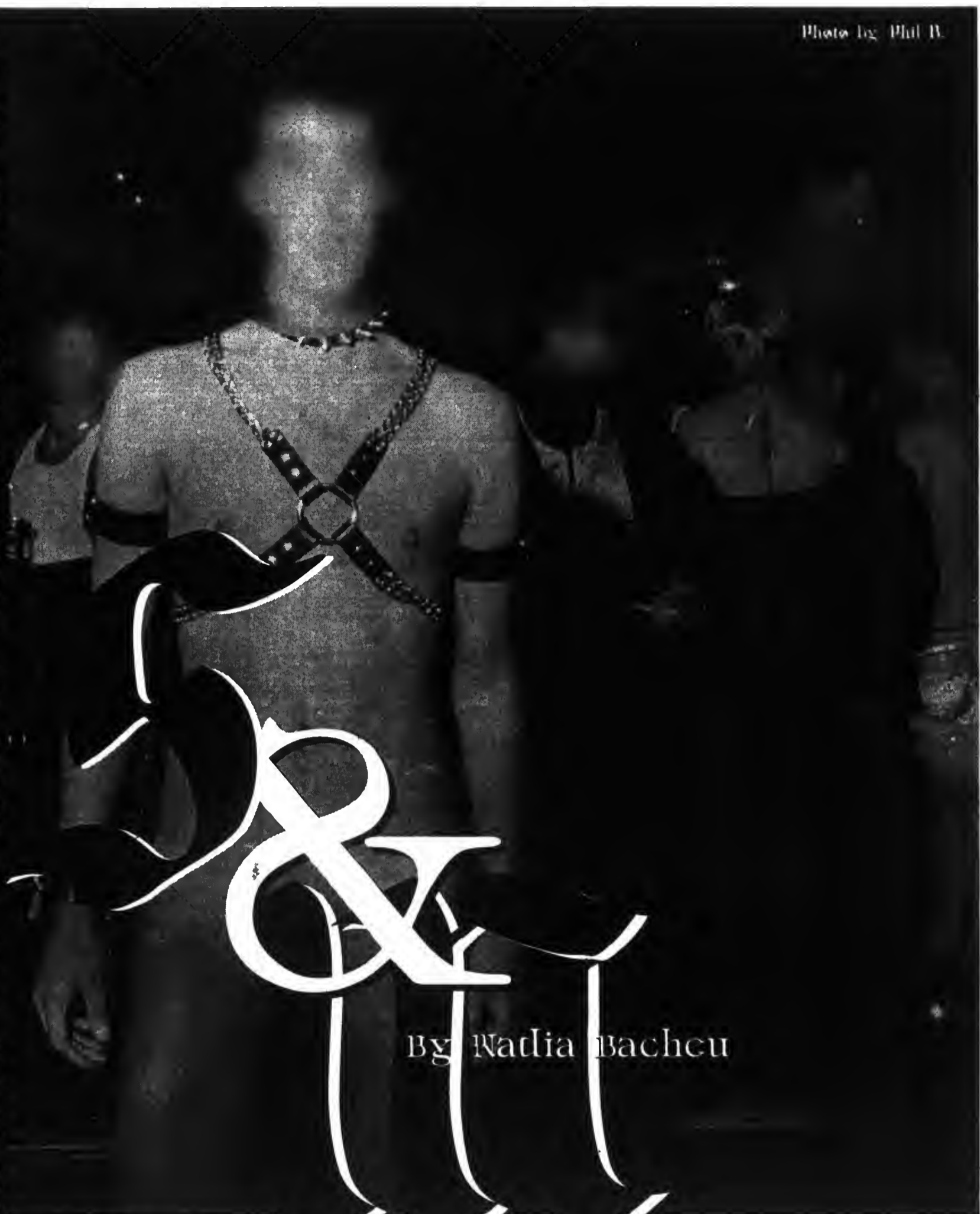
The edge it gives you is a psychological edge, a feeling of calmness and hope. Bulanda added.

Physiotherapy Assistant student, Diane Fearn defines a fetish as "something of passion outside normal limits. This could be aromatherapy with exotic smells."

A fetish could be something that relaxes you from the everyday stresses of life.

The example of Felix, my Beanie Baby, gives me a feeling of calmness.

Photo by Phil W.



By Nadia Bacheu

When people think of bondage and sadp-masochism, images of dark dungeons with busty leather-corseted women getting slapped around by their "masters" come into mind.

It becomes evident that there are too many people believing that everything they see in pornos is based on reality.

Even though they won't be appearing in the next issue of Playboy, the average S & M could be someone you know. It could be your neighbour, your local politician, or even your grandparents, cracking out their whips when the doors are closed.

Sally, 46, who wishes to remain anonymous, and enjoys her new life with S & M. "When I was younger I went from one meaningless relationship to the other. Sex never felt good to me. My generation was taught that it was more important to satisfy the man than satisfy yourself," Sally says.

"I was just a machine. I would end up feeling empty and cheap. A few years ago a girlfriend told me about S & M and urged me to try it just once. She took me to a few bondage parties. At first I watched, but once I tried it, I never had any regrets," she says.

"A part of me has come alive that I never knew even existed. It was the most wonderful feeling," Sally says.

Sally lives a pretty average life. She is married and has one daughter. She works in real estate and is a member of the PTA.

Lily Fine, a professional Dominatrix understands outsiders' misconceptions about S & M. "S&M is not easily understood. It's a very alien experience."

Fine says misrepresentation of the facts of S&M are the main reasons for ignorant remarks and says that no one has the right to judge S & M until they have experienced it for themselves.

With a little reading, Fine says, people "would know that S & M isn't about violence, it's more of an intellectual process. There is a lot of planning and communication involved before any kind of action is taken."

Fine also says, trust is usually the icing on the cake for many relationships.

"S & M is all about trust from the very start. If you are going to let someone tie you up, you must trust them enough to know they won't harm you," Fine says.

Although she travels all over the world giving seminars and doing workshops on S & M,

she would never force anyone to try it.

"For some people, S & M can be very scary," she adds. "Sometimes it can trigger a traumatic memory from the past. People with psychological problems, low-self esteem and unresolved anger should not be involved in S & M."

S & M is about exploring sexuality with fantasy and role-play, it's not about using someone as a punching bag to let out anger," Fine continues. "Without good communication, honesty and trust, everything will blow up in your face."

S & M must always be safe, sane and consensual. If certain acts don't follow these three golden rules, then it becomes abuse, says Fine. This is why Fine stresses the importance of being informed.

"A lot of men - younger guys especially - watch pornography that is so far from the truth. But they think it's real," says Fine. "Being rough and violent is not what a woman wants. Instead of turning her on it would probably traumatize the hell out of her."

For people who are interested in trying S&M, it is important to find a partner who is

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Dangerous Deeds

BY DAVID CARROLL

Blood play
Discipline
Breath control.

Welcome to the darker side of fetishes
Simon Young, a former butcher, has been involved with sado-masochism (S & M) for 10 years. He has frequented fetish nights and been a participant or witness to some of the more dangerous aspects of S & M

One of the more dangerous fetishes he has embraced is known as asphyxiation or breath control. "You cut off air and blood to the brain," says Young.

The intent is to increase the sensation and intensity of the sexual high.

He also admits experimenting with blood play - the cutting and drawing of blood from a partner using blades or other means. "The shock is part of the rush," says Young.

He has also been present during extreme sessions of punishment and discipline.

"I've seen a person burned with a soldering iron. There is a thin line between pleasure and pain," says Young.

Punishment ranges from whipping with riding crops to people getting walked on by a partner in stilettoes.

"I know a woman who worked as a dominatrix and you can get paid big bucks to abuse men," says Young.

There is certainly a large market for abuse
Thornhill dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford gained national attention after police raided her home in 1994 and charged her with running a common bawdy house

Det Const Alvaro Almeida works in the York Regional Police Morality Division. He was in charge of the raid on Bedford's house

The case has raised questions in the Ontario courts as to whether acts of S & M should be considered sex, says Almeida

"The only time we would get involved would be in a public forum where an indecent act is being performed or in the instance of a dungeon being run as a common bawdy house," Almeida adds.

Young, meanwhile, has also run into instances of arranged kidnappings, where one person's fantasy is to be abducted and forcibly confined.

He contends the real danger may not always be in the act, but in the choice of partner.

"Your idea of what is too far may not be theirs. They may get off on your fears. Fear is a big motivational thing," he explains.

According to Dr. Philip Klassen of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry: "The motivation is usually sexual desire. The things people are into are the things they need to become aroused." He explains that "sexu-

al preference is established during adolescence"

Even something as relatively commonplace as body piercing has a darker side

Brett, who asked that only his first name be used, has participated in the Toronto's S & M scene. He has gone to fetish nights and has experimented with certain forms of dominance and submission

The Waterloo student's fetish is for body piercing. His body, including his genitals have been pierced eight times

He explains that the question of danger is up to the individual and all people are different

"Some people think body piercing is dangerous, I don't. Piercing or tattoos can be removed," says Brett

He considers things that cannot be changed to be dangerous. He explains that something like tongue splitting - the slicing of the tongue in order to give it a snake-like appearance, is something that is done permanently

"When you are doing it, it's for the lifestyle, for the long term," says Brett.

Brett has had permanent work done. He has a symbol burned into his skin. This is an act called branding, exactly the same procedure farmers do on a cow

Blair, who only goes by his first name, brands people as part of his job at a tattoo parlor, described the way he does branding

He uses traditional strike branding, in which differently shaped pieces of metal are heated and applied to the skin to make a desired design.

"It might take up to 20 strikes. It's like painting for me," says Blair.

"there is a thin line between pleasure and pain"

-Simon Young



The other method is done by laser, it cauterizes the skin. It's a different technique for the same result," says Blair.

As for the pain, Blair says that "it's a bit worse than a tattoo." And it lasts longer. "You don't baby a brand like you would a tattoo. You need to irritate it, but at the same time keep it clean."

Picking carefully at the scab of the wound will better define the design

Blair tries to make sure his clients are well aware of what's involved in the process. "After a consultation, people feel confident, they know what they want and are prepared for the pain. Most of the people are young - 19 to 30 - looking for a cool, exotic design that's meaningful or different than everyone else."



practices S & M. For Metcalfe and her fiance, this was exactly what they wanted.

"We had a fetish wedding," Metcalfe says. "We had a transvestite dressed in a French-maid uniform as our pillow maid."

From that day forward, Metcalfe became the submissive partner and her husband became the dominant

"I am submissive to my dominant," Metcalfe adds. "I've never called (my husband) by his first name. I call him Master."

In dealing with day-to-day issues like mortgage payments, Metcalfe says that although her Master listens to what she has to say, he makes the final decisions.

"I've never had an argument with my husband. I always do what he wants me to do," she adds. "It makes me happy to make him happy."

Metcalfe and her husband go to S & M parties and clubs and attend monthly meetings. They also host S & M parties in their home.

Certain parties, called 'play parties,' consist of a group of people getting together and practising S & M in front of each other

"(At the parties) we teach one another things that we've learned to do," Metcalfe says

These parties also teach people new to the S&M scene how to use knives, needles and whips in a way that won't cause permanent injuries, she says

Metcalfe works as a custom picture framer and says that although she doesn't talk about her S & M lifestyle to co-workers, some of them know about it

"Everybody's been very accepting of it," she says.

So, would Metcalfe ever consider eliminating S&M from her life? "Never

I've never been so happy in my entire life," she says. "I've never been so liberated in being a sexual person. I'm more free to be like I really am."

a perfect

BY SHAWNA DEGAJNE

Safe, sane, consensual. According to 44-year-old Mary Metcalfe, these are words to live by. That is probably a good thing since Metcalfe is surrounded by knives, needles and whips more than the average person.

No, she isn't a doctor or even a lion-tamer. She, along with her husband George, use the potentially dangerous items mentioned above for sexual pleasure. Metcalfe is involved in a sado-masochistic (S&M) lifestyle.

"It's more a way of life than anything I've ever been involved in," Metcalfe says.

Living through the woman's liberation movement, Metcalfe said it was obvious male domination wasn't being accepted by other women.

Metcalfe admits she has always been interested in S&M. But until five years ago, she didn't really know other people practised it. The Internet opened her eyes to a world she never knew existed. She chatted with people about S & M relationships and soon started a relationship of her own.

She moved to Toronto from Houston, Texas to marry her on-line lover.

For most women, the ideal wedding would consist of a white gown and a tuxedo. Not many girls plan a wedding that includes leather, chains, and a minister who also

of fetish

Fetish. The original meaning actually has nothing to do with sex.

The Webster's dictionary defines fetish as an object of worship that is regarded as having magical or spiritual powers. It doesn't only mean a sexual passion or abnormal obsession as society defines it today. Most are surprised learn of the word's original affiliation.

According to author, Charles Panati of *Sexy Origins and Intimate Things*, devout Christians in 15th-century Portugal, the word, "feitico" to mean an artifact that was owned by a saint such as a rosary. They believed these artifact's had spiritual or magical properties. When the Portugese explored West Africa, the term also came to include indigenous magical charms which were worshipped. A Portugese physician or an African medicine man was a fetissero which meant a miracle maker. In the early 17th-century, the French adopted *feitico* and modified it to *fetiché*.

In the 19th-century, psychologists applied the term "fetish" to mean an object such an article of clothing, or body part that became the focus of displaced sexual interest.

Mostly men had fetishes. Just the sight of a woman's high heels, bra or garter belt could arouse them. Panati suggests men are so easily aroused they are programmed to be ready to copulate at a moment's notice.

Fetishism was seen as a sickness. "There was a case where a man was knocking women down to steal their shoes. When he was found, authorities located hundreds of pairs at his place", says Dr. Paray who is a psychotherapist at the Center for Person-Centered Psychotherapy. Paray said that for the most part fetishes are not illnesses. A fetish only becomes a problem when the fetish begins to add stress to the person's life or those around him or her.

A woman filed for a divorce after 10 years of marriage when she found out about her husband was obsessed with boots. It went unnoticed for years because she always thought it was books that consumed his time in the basement. However, she discovered that her husband spent countless evenings playing with boots.

The original definition has clearly taken on an entirely new sexual meaning to become the definition known today.

history
by Gina Thompson

Bondage & babes

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honest and trustworthy

Carlyle Jansen from Good for Her, an adult store located in Toronto is concerned with "people who don't know how to practice S & M safely. You have to know what you're doing or someone can get hurt."

Fine, meanwhile, explains S & M is a form of art. "You have to know what you are doing, because if you don't you can seriously hurt a person," she says. "I have seen people rupture spleens and have had eyeballs knocked out because they didn't know which areas of the body not to hit."

Fine stresses the importance of knowing what it's like to

be in both roles of the relationship

"The dominant must know exactly how the lash feels on the submissive or it would be like teaching someone to play the piano by telling them instead of showing them," says Fine.

Fine chooses to be discreet, and only advertises in exclusive magazines for real devoted S & Mers. Meetings are only granted if clients are polite. "The rest is basically gut instinct, it will never steer you wrong," says Fine.

Initial meetings are held in public places.

This is where fantasies are brought forward and discussed.

"Once the client and myself have established an agreement of what we will do and won't do, then we can play."

Fine's client list ranges from hockey players to corporate executives. They vary in age from 30s to 70s.

Some are women and all are university educated. "Powerful people always want to feel powerless. I guess they just want to feel that they have no responsibilities for few hours," says Fine.

Nothing irritates Fine more than being compared to a prostitute and being asked is she ever gets bored of what she does.

"Before I even meet a client, I



Photo by Phil B.



Two's company, three's just more fun. Lett Don't call the fashion police just yet. Fetish parties are as much about image as they are about lifestyle.

Photo by Phil B.

get a few things straight over the phone. First, I don't have sex at all, and my clothes never come off. My job is to take you to a place you have never seen before and leave you wanting more. Then I tell you to go home to your lover."

Also, drugs, alcohol, cellular phones and pagers are forbidden in Fine's dungeon.

As for being bored, Fine finds the question insulting. "Everybody is different, its like playing an instrument."

No need to have sex to be satisfied

BY GINA THOMPSON

Silk, fur, hair, gloves, feet and cucumbers all have something in common: Sex appeal.

Not to everyone, perhaps, but some will admit to being turned on or even obsessed by their sight, touch or smell. The dictionary defines fetish as a non-sexual object that arouses sexual desire.

"I get turned on by women's feet. The curves, the creases are very erotic and suggestive. A naked foot is like a naked body. I love narrow, pointed feet with high arches," says fetishist Frank Monoli. "Most people don't see the connection but feet are the first place I look at on women."

"Some guys are breast men or leg men but the women I've dated, loved the fact

that I was a foot man," Monoli says.

Fetishes may even have different connotations to the two sexes. Men can get turned on immediately by the sight of an object whereas women need to see an erotic item in context.

For instance, the sight of a pair of pantyhose can be an instant turn-on for males. Whereas for females, a pair of boxers are

only sexy with the man in them.

"Shoes say a lot about a man, he could be good-looking as hell but if his shoes don't make a statement, it's a turn-off," says Winnie Tang, an admitted shoe fetishist and salesclerk at M2, a shoe store on Queen St. W. She confesses to buying at least one pair a week.

She spends on average \$60 to \$70 a week on shoes.

"Feet just have so much sex appeal and if they are dressed sleekly and with style eight out of 10 times, I find the man wearing them sexy," says Tang.

When asked to identify their fetish, most are hard pressed to come up with an answer. But, according to Tang, everyone has a fetish whether they realize it or not.

"Sometimes the turn on is in the subconscious, we are all turned on by something," she says.

Tang says a lot of people's sexuality becomes repressed because of their upbringing.

As a result, they are not in tune with what turns them on. Or, what turns them on may not be deemed "normal" by society.

"I have a fetish for green sour keys," says Melanie Fraser, a Humber student. "I always thought fetish meant something one really liked."

"I never considered the sexual meaning to it. I'll probably stop and think before I use the word. Now, I'm wondering what's the turn-on for green sour keys," she adds.

Fetishes are obsessions. They come in all shapes and sizes.

Men especially seem to have an insatiable fetish for cars and other electronic toys, said Jacinda Tang who studied sexual relations in society at York University says advertisers know this and tailor the advertisements accordingly.

"When an ad for a car talks about colour, speed and how smoothly it drives, the advertisers are not talking about the car. If an alien were to visit us, it would say we are overly obsessed with cars just by looking at television", says Tang.

The gadgetry, the efficiency, power and sound are all features that make the car more appealing.

But Tang says listen very carefully to the car salesman's words - they are all very sexually - suggestive.



I command you to rub my feet

Photo by Phil B.

Lifestyles

Lifestyles etc.

■ Talking sex with Sue

Sue Johanson, host of WTN's "Sunday Night Sex Show" will be at Lakeshore Campus on Jan. 28, at noon in the lower cafeteria. Her presentation will include topics like STD's, birth control and sexual myths, followed by an open Q & A session.

■ Rockin' robins

Alcohol is the suspected cause of death for more than a 100 robins in a California town north of San Francisco. After feasting on fermented berries, most of the birds likely died from alcohol overdoses while others plummeted to their deaths from the branches. The berries are thought to have fermented this year due to the unusual cold temperatures and lack of rain. Three robins survived the fiasco and are being kept alive in incubators.

-Reuters

■ Enzyme...shmenzymel

Women are more susceptible to alcohol than men, but it's not because of their smaller size. Apparently, women have 80 per cent less of an enzyme in the stomach that breaks down alcohol. These enzyme levels begin to rise in women over 50, while the levels drop in men of the same age.

-The Globe & Mail

■ Aggressive attorneys

Testosterone levels in trial lawyers are 30 per cent higher than in other lawyers - even among women. According to psychologist James Dabbs, of Georgia State University, lawyers who go to court also were found to be more sociable and outgoing. Last, but not least, they were more willing to spit for saliva samples.

-The Globe & Mail

Boys love their video toys

■ *Sorry girls, when hitting the arcade, you'll not only be out-numbered ... chances are you'll be out-matched*

BY JENNIFER BOYD
Lifestyles Reporter

Men and women have always had their differences, and one is their fondness for video games. While men can't seem to get enough of them, many women couldn't care less.

Men appear to be the majority of video game buyers and players. According to Peter Davey, Manager of Microplay at Dixie and Dundas Sts. in Mississauga, the ratio of male to female buyers and renters at their store is 100 to one.

"If this is in fact true, it is likely because the content and structure of most games, for example, aggressive content, appeals more to men than women," said Dr. Brian Rabinowicz, a Psychology Professor at Ryerson University.

Dr. David Day, also a Psychology Professor at Ryerson, agreed.

"The content of the video games is clearly geared towards boys," Day said.

"The games involve activities to which boys are socialized to be attracted."

Day said that studies have found boys have slightly better visual and spatial abilities, which means that they would enjoy these types of activities more than girls.

"The difference is only slight and may be more a function of the types of toys that boys are given, such as Lego, which facilitate visual/spatial skills and fine motor coordination," Day said.

Because boys are slightly better than girls at playing video games, they receive more positive reinforcement for their efforts.

"With practice, however, girls could become as skilled as boys at playing video games," Day added.

The ratio of females to males is higher at Playdium in Mississauga, than in video stores, but according to Anita Bac, sales representative for the company, 65 per cent of their visitors are males.

Playdium gets a lot of their customers because of their competitive atmosphere.

At Playdium, you can challenge your friends to play against you in simulated experiences. Even the webpage for Playdium advertises the competition against other males



PHOTO BY JENN BOYD

If the man in your life is spending more time playing games than he is with you, he has likely become overpowered by the seductive nature of the game.

by luring them in with these words: "Here's where the real players come to play."

Neil Agnew, a retired Psychology Professor from York University, said the importance of competition among males dates to pre-historic times.

"My own wild hunch is that in cave man times, the male (because of size, strength, etc.) played the competitive hunting role and the female the more co-operative and nurturing role. These roles have become institutionalized. And, now, in an environment where size, strength, and aggressiveness are no longer socially vital...the competitive, game-playing roles persist because of early socialization."

"The content of the video games is clearly geared towards boys."

Dr. David Day, Psychology professor at Ryerson

Competition among players is one reason that Rob Burns, a second-year Computer Information Systems student, enjoys playing multi-player and strategy games.

"Strategy games offer more of a challenge, rather than shoot'em up and kill'em games," Burns said.

Girls, on the other hand, tend to enjoy less competitive games.

Davey ranks puzzle games and adventure games as the first and second most popular games among girls.

Laura McMurdo, a second-year Law Clerk student, agreed.

"I enjoy playing the simple arcade games or puzzle games. The simpler the better," she said. "I get frustrated with complex games and would rather read a book."

Video games...part of your healthy routine

Although video games seem like a waste of time to some people, they do have a positive side.

"Video games, unlike television, which is much more of an asocial activity, may develop visual spatial abilities and are often played within a social context," Day said.

Humber students Rob Burns and Tim Ford found that video games have other benefits.

"I like playing games because they're entertaining and they're a good release of stress," Burns said.

Ford agreed, "I play mainly because it's a fun way to pass the time."



horoscopes

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Goats who are lucky enough not to be in debt can cut loose this weekend. Those who aren't should avoid temptation and stop their gruffing. Water fountains are great places to find shiny new pennies!

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)
Your warmth and generosity is attractive to others. All eyes are on you so suck it up while you can. It probably won't last very long.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)
The 'me, me, me' motto that surrounds your sign could land you in hot water. Give yourself instead of bragging about what you have and you'll be surprised at the results—but not as shocked as those around you.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Things aren't exactly working out as you planned but don't panic. Enjoy the little things that make you happy. If that doesn't work take up boxing and unleash some stress.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Stop being such a coward. People are looking to you for inspiration. Just because they don't know any better, doesn't mean they should suffer for your insecurities.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
Sexy scorpions are on the prowl with their deadly sting. But remember not everyone likes bugs. In fact they hate them, squish them and wait for rain.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Watch what you say. You may think you have an original idea to share but everyone's bound to have heard it before. Give it up.

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)
Your life is boring and uneventful. Friends interpret your apathy as a cry for help. Take their advice and turn plans into action. Money is no object so don't be stingy.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You are headed towards some major decisions about your future career goals. If you feel the burden is simply too intense, screw it who needs the pressure?

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Before you get excited about all the attention you're getting, be sure to check the bathroom wall for your name and number. Some people think you're selfish and tight-assed.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
The stars are twinkling and the sun is shining just for you. Love and life couldn't be better for lucky Libra. More bad things should happen to you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You exaggerate more than a bunch of jocks in a locker room. Watch your tongue or you'll be worse off than the fools who believe you.



You can bet these students are feeling toasty outside. A long coat keeps you covered up (far left), while accessories such as hats and scarves give you an individual flair (left).

Winter fashion *Dos* and *Don'ts*

The parents of these students would not be very impressed. Forgetting to wear a jacket is generally not a good idea (far right). Basic fashion sense suggests saving short sleeves for the warmer months (right).



Keep warm, stay cool

BY MATET NEBRES
Lifestyles Reporter

Looking fashionable in winter does not mean sacrificing style for warmth.

You can still look fabulous even when it's freezing outside.

Jill Davis, Humber professor of Fashion Arts, said she can't imagine why people — especially women — freeze for fashion.

"Personally, I think that people who do are crazy," she said.

"There is so much out there in terms of warm clothing."

Davis said a hot look this season for both men and women is warm, heavy anoraks (hip-length pullover jackets) and parkas.

"It's very much a unisex look, so you can truly be quite androgynous in terms of fashion," she said.

The colour of the season is winter white, a trend Davis warned against.

"Winter white is not very functional to maintain over a period of time requiring a lot of cleaning," she said.

Alternative colours like black, which is always in style, and grey have been very popular this year. But if you want a jump start on the newest colour, pink is definitely the way to go.

What's not so hot this year are puffy, quilted bubble jackets. Davis said even though they are warm, they are not that flattering on a lot of bodies.

To accessorize Davis suggested hats in anything from pull-on ski

hats to caps are very fashionable and allow for individual expression.

Erin Stewart, a Fashion Arts student, described people wearing the bubble jackets as marshmallow men. She admitted to owning one herself, but finds it bothersome.

"It keeps you warm, but it's too puffy," she said. "I find when I'm driving, I spend the whole time pushing it down."

Stewart said the best investment you can make this winter is a full-length wool coat in black or grey that can be worn either casual or dressy. She also said chenille or wool scarves are very popular, and Mongolian fur, which resembles fluffy poodle hair, is the newest craze.

According to Sabrina Catania, another Fashion Arts student, big furry Mammoth boots are in style to keep those toes toasty. But for those less daring, anything square toed with a wedged heel is in. Platform boots are making their way out.

But how important is looking good?

"I'd be a total geek if I had to," Nadia Conte, a General Arts and Science student, said. "If I had to wear a hat and a scarf just to keep warm, I'd wear it."

But Advertising-Media Sales student Michelle Bayle, said she would compromise warmth for style if she had to. However, she cheats a little.

"I wear long-johns underneath," Bayle said.

Students ring for a fling: how desperate are you?

■ *Nightclubs, grocery stores, laundromats, school pubs, and parties, are just a few places people go to meet a potential date — but when these fail, some try to find love with the touch of a button*

BY CYNTHIA MCLEOD
Lifestyles Reporter

Sex and companionship. People search in bars for both, but when they keep striking out, some decide to try a different approach — telephone dating.

Telephone dating services have been around for over a decade and are used by thousands of people worldwide.

Interactive Media Group (IMG) operates four telephone dating services in the Toronto area.

Bradley Moseley-Williams, a public relations representative for IMG, said 375,000 people worldwide use their services daily, although he doesn't have a figure

for the number of users in Toronto.

The lines are aimed at attracting people in search of all kinds of relationships, including long-term, casual, and intimate.

"I'm very into looks and I'm not attracted to a guy even if he has a nice personality."

Christine Boskovski, first-year Fashion Arts student

Despite the growth in telephone dating and the number of users, public perception of these services — and those who use them — has generally been quite negative.

Adam McBrain, a Funeral Service Education student, sees people who use dating services as desperate.

"There's other more standardized means for (meeting people) and that just seems like a last resort," he said. "I'm not that desperate yet."

For Christine Boskovski, a first-year Fashion Arts student, the concern is more about the men on the service lying about their appearance.

"I'm very into looks and I'm not attracted to a guy even if he

has a nice personality," she said. "(Telephone dating) is good if you're not into looks and stuff and you're just into finding someone who's nice."

Jeff, who wishes to remain anonymous, also has a negative perception of dating service clientele, but said he tried it anyway because he was "horny and desperate."

A service called Imatch allowed him to set up a mailbox at no charge.

He created a message for women to listen to describing himself and his preferences for a partner.

His first half-hour on the service was free. During that time he was able to listen and reply to messages left by women living in the Toronto area, as well as to speak directly to women who were on the service at the same time.

When his 30 minutes ran out, he paid \$25 for a second half-hour.

Jeff estimated he received two messages a day during the couple of weeks he used the service.

He was told when he joined Imatch that, like other telephone dating services, they assume no liability when people meet.

Jeff was hoping to find a partner for the long-term using the service, but was satisfied with what he got — a one night stand.

"I guess it was okay," he said. "Yeah, I might use it again."



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Caribbean Nite with KI

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Jan 30 & 31

Latin Jazz and Salsa with Macondo

■ New CD's

PUYA

PUYA is a four-piece band hailing from Puerto Rico. If you're into bands like Rage Against the Machine, you'll dig PUYA.

■ Jeff Lang

Cedar Grove is the follow up to Jeff Lang's stellar Canadian debut. Lang has set clubs and halls blazing, opening for internationally renowned artists such as Jeff Healey, and Ani DiFranco.

■ Yuk Yuks

Shy One Horse Feb. 3-7. Totally obsessed with sex and absolutely uncensored.

Big Wreck a good experiment

■ Caps was Blown Wide Open' Monday night

BY DOUG GLAZEBROOK
Arts Reporter

It was an experiment gone right as Big Wreck rolled into Caps, Jan. 25.

Big Wreck was certainly the main course for the evening as over 400 fans showed up in full force, pushing Caps capacity to its limits.

As the band blasted out popular songs such as Blown Wide Open, That Song, and Oaf, fans pushed towards the crush gate, and bouncers had to drag away a few rowdies.

Big Wreck drummer, Forrest Williams, said that it's this kind of excitement that makes playing to Canadians enjoyable.

"It's better (playing) up in Canada because you have people who know the tunes that are psy-

ched to see you. It's like packed every night and it's big PA - it's great," Williams said. "In the States, they can treat you like crap. No one's there to see you, no one knows your tunes. It just gets really discouraging after a while."

Williams, who has been with the band since they formed in 1992, said he finds the difference in crowds sometimes discouraging. He said when the band played the States while The Oaf was popular, they went from playing gigs with only 100 people to shows with 800 fans. But after The Oaf fell from the charts, the fans soured out the band.

"People are not loyal to bands. They go out to see (them) because it's fun," Williams said. "It's like 'Let's go see them, they play that song! Yeah, let's go sing that song, get drunk, and take off!' I mean, I used to be like that too, so I can understand. But it sucks for the band. It's like, what about the other songs? Aren't you going to get excited about those?"

The Caps show must have impressed Williams as much as the crowd, as Humber patrons couldn't get enough of the Big

Wreck sound. "It was doubtful anyone could tell they hadn't played live in close to two months."

Emm Gryner, who opened for Big Wreck, complemented the harder tones of the headliners with her sincere, passionate

lyrics.

Dave Henning (Big Wreck's bassist and vocalist), said something unexpected always happens.

"Something happens every night - a one person thing. A piece of equipment won't work or you forget a part," said Henning.



COURTESY PHOTO

Big Wreck impressed Humber fans when they played Caps with Emm Gryner on Jan. 25.

The dynamic Wayne Omaha

BY DAN LAWRENCE
Arts Reporter

Wayne Omaha is slowly making itself known with its particular style of music.

The Woodstock-based band, now regulars on the Toronto club circuit, has a laid back, unassum-

ing, and surprisingly complex sound.

Coming soon after the release of their debut CD, the lads have just completed a four track EP, and a second album is already in the works.

The dynamic of Wayne Omaha is such that it can be difficult to

categorize them. For instance, it's not clear if there is even a frontman. It can be argued that Richard "Yawd" Sylvester bears this distinction, but he said he's not sure about that.

"The nature of the band is that at different times different members take the spotlight."

Even drummer Kirk "Bepo" Hudson changes places with Matt "Mattman" James on occasion, and takes to the microphone.

Their unique sound comes from a combination of three guitars, two basses, piano, organ, various noise-makers and anything else they feel like using.

The new single features Don Kerr of the Rheostatics playing cello on one of the tracks. James even hinted at using his father and grandmother on the new CD.

"We're hoping to get three generations of the James family on the next album," he said.

Many of their songs feature long instrumental intervals, characteristic of their unique style.

"If the instrumental parts of the song are working, there's no need to introduce lyrics," Sylvester said.

"Voices are just more instruments."

"We have a tendency to say it all in a few lines," James said.

Bassist Aaron "Bass" MacPherson said their relaxed style is a result of the relationship between band members.

"It's kind of about being on the same sort of wavelength," he said.

"We're more shooting for a vibe, to interact and be melodious," James said.

Four of the members of Wayne Omaha hail from Woodstock. The few times they manage to play their home town, they are always welcomed with a warm reception.

"I think it's maybe a little more personal in Woodstock, although there's still a pretty strong connection with audiences in Toronto," Sylvester said. "Music just inspires friendliness."

Wayne Omaha recently played the Halifax Music Festival, and opened for the Rheostatics for several shows on the east coast.

"It was such a blast driving up there," Sylvester said. "Our tour vehicle is a 10-door, 12 passenger stretch suburban diesel."

Release of the four track EP is imminent, as soon as details such as format type are worked out, and the band has more than enough material ready for their second full-length CD.

"There are songs that we've been playing for a long time that need to get recorded before they lose their newness," James said.

The second album will be more of a group effort, many of the songs on the first having been written by James and Sylvester long before the formation of Wayne Omaha. Half the songs were recorded before Daniel "Paco" Paquette even joined.

While they aren't seeking out a contract with a record label, they are willing to give up their indie status. However, James said he's wary of becoming a consumer-friendly pop group.

"The word radio-friendly gets bandied about a lot, but you end up shooting yourself in the foot," he said.

Regardless of their level of commercial success, Wayne Omaha is satisfied, and they enjoy themselves while they're doing it.

"We just do it 'cause it's fun and we love it," Sylvester said.



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Woodstock-based Bepo, Yawd, Mattman, Paco and Bass become Wayne Omaha on the stage.

Humber's 'Edge' takes on the WWF

■ *Humber grad talks about life in the WWF*

BY MIKE GENTILE
Arts Reporter

Adam Copeland graduated from Humber College as a radio broadcaster. But like many other graduates, he's now doing something different: living on the "Edge"—literally.

Otherwise known in the wrestling ring as Edge, the Orangeville native is one of the rising superstars in the World Wrestling Federation (WWF). He appears almost every Monday on "Raw is War," a live WWF show aired on TSN from 9 p.m.-11 p.m.

Edge, 25, is just one of many WWF wrestlers who will entertain a sold out SkyDome for a Raw is War extravaganza on Feb. 8.

SkyDome officials are expecting up to 50,000 fans, making it the biggest "Raw" ever.

"This won't just be the biggest Raw in Canada, but the biggest Raw in WWF history," said Carl De Marco, president of WWF Canada.

Edge is part of a team called "The Brood", with fellow wrestlers Gangrel and Christian.

These three are known for stalking their victims and giving them what's called a "blood bath".

All of the arena lights go off, and when they come on again their victims are covered from head to toe in blood—just more of the theatrics that made the WWF famous.

Reminiscing about his days at Humber, Edge tells of living in a basement apartment while attending classes at the North Campus. He says his time at Humber was brief but very enjoyable.

"I really had a fun time there. It was a good two years."

Edge has only been in the WWF for a year, but his dream of being a wrestler started long ago.

Even in his high school year book, Edge listed his career ambition as being a WWF wrestler. Yet his celebrity, at least initially, was somewhat overwhelming.

"I'd rather my kids see someone hit by a chair than someone's head blown off with a gun."

Edge on violence in wrestling.

At first he had a hard time accepting that people actually wanted his autograph. Now it's part of the business.

"You come to expect certain things that come with the territory. I find it very flattering," Edge said.

Edge trained at Sully's in downtown Toronto, a famous gym that helped train many other wrestlers as well as legendary boxers like Muhammad Ali.

Despite the misconceptions, Edge said wrestling—especially the training—is intense, and not fake.

"It's the toughest sport in the world," he said. "I remember the first time I ever fell down in a ring I didn't get up. Not because I didn't want to, but because I couldn't."

When asked if he's ever suffered an injury in the ring, Edge laughed.

"I get injured every match, but some are worse than others."

He said it's the little nagging injuries that make his job so difficult. At a pay per view program in Hamilton, Edge pulled a groin muscle while fighting fellow Canadian Owen Hart. Though months have passed, the pain still exists. "I have trouble putting on my underwear in the morning," he chuckled.

Edge is in the WWF at a very controversial time for the organization. The new storylines have parents in a frenzy. Gone are the days of Hulk Hogan telling kids to say their prayers and eat their vitamins. Now there's beer drinking and ringside prostitutes.

Mary Celebre said her three children watch without her approval.

"I hate them watching it. It's stupid, and it promotes violence," she said.

Mary's kids, ages 16, 12 and eight are avid watchers of the program but no longer fit the target audience.

"It's geared to young adults, at least 17 and up," Edge said. "I believe that kids can still watch it

but (parents) should sit down with them explain that what they're seeing is like a movie and that it's not real." He added: "I'd rather my kids see someone hit by a chair than someone's head blown off with a gun. Wrestling's just a full-contact soap opera."

Edge said his act comes so naturally that even Humber President Robert "Squee" Gordon should be aware of him.

"I'd give him a blood bath," he joked. "He'd be a good target, so he should sleep with one eye open."



PHOTO BY MIKE GENTILE

WWF superstar Edge (a.k.a. Humber grad Adam Copeland) roughs up Skyhawk, the college's mascot, last week. Edge said he'd also like a shot at President Gordon.

A 'Green'-er America

BY SHAUN HATTON
Arts Reporter

Ottawa comedian Tom Green is giving Americans a brand new

perspective on life in Canada.

On Jan. 25, The Tom Green Show aired on MTV as the first installment of a 10-episode test run.

"We're doing 10 shows there and if they like it, they'll pick up more," co-host Glenn Humplik said. "If they don't like it, then everything is back to normal."

But normal has a slightly different definition when it comes to Green's brand of humour. Although his style ranges from observational to flat-out bizarre, it's the latter he's best known for. On several occasions, he has drenched Humplik with milk.

"I've got four shirts that are completely identical, so basically after

every single show, I'm changing," Humplik said. "The thing with milk is that it gets in your shoes and your shoes stink."

The Tom Green Show, which can be seen in Canada on The Comedy Network at 11 p.m. Fridays, is composed of studio and man-on-the-street segments, many of which were filmed across Canada. The episodes airing on MTV are identical to the Canadian ones, except that the studio segments are shot in New York City instead of Ottawa.

At first, Green and Humplik were somewhat worried whether Americans would like the show and understand its humour.

"The audience doesn't know the show, so you have people from Brooklyn sitting there and they're like, 'What the hell is going on?'" Humplik said. "But once the segments come on, we had cow sucking (Green milking a cow with his mouth) last night, and the audience just died laughing. They really loved it."

Pleasing the audience is Green's greatest task, and one that he accomplishes through all necessary means, including playing pranks on his good friend,

Humplik.

"There's a thing coming up actually in the studio shows where it's like a taste test and I get blindfolded," Humplik said. The taste test is to see whether he can tell the difference between a modern-day and an old-style fly swatter.

"For the old-style one I'm like, okay, I think it's old style. I don't really know what to expect. Then he gets me with the electric one, which is basically like an electric shock through your body... I saw it for the first time this week on tape, and it's funny, so that's all that counts," Humplik added.

In a previous episode, Humplik tried to turn the tables by burying something of Green's in a field. Little did he know that Green was going to fly a plane overhead and toss Humplik's clothes out the window.

"I lost a robe in that (segment). One of the robes fell on the road and this 18-wheeler ran over it, but we didn't get that on tape," Humplik said. "Another thing fell on a tree and it was too high to get, so I did lose some clothes in that deal... but you know, that's life."



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Glenn Humplik (left) and Tom Green take their act south of the border to New York. The show premiered on MTV Jan. 25.

Hawkins and his Rusty Nails

■ *Hawkins and the Rusty Nails bring their unique sound to the Horseshoe*

BY PAT LYNCH
Arts Reporter

Ron Hawkins and the Rusty Nails roll into the Horseshoe Tavern this weekend for a two-night assault on Toronto's live music scene.

On tour in support of their new album *Greasing the Star Machine*, the band decided that one night at the Horseshoe just wasn't going to be enough.

"We were doing one night a week," said Hawkins, the band's charismatic singer-songwriter. "They had to start turning people away, so we asked for two full nights, and they actually gave them to us."

Probably best known as the song writing force behind the success of *The Lowest of the Low*, Ron Hawkins has built a strong fan base throughout Canada and the northern United States. Regarded by fans and musicians alike as one of Canada's premier songwriters, Hawkins has put together a band which brings a new dimension to his stripped-down acoustic style.

"After *Secret of My Excess* (Hawkins' first solo effort), there came a time where we had to support the album on a more full-time basis. These guys played for a long time as the back-up band," Hawkins said. "Well, they're not hired guns anymore."

With Hawkins taking centre stage on guitar and vocal duties, the Rusty Nails round out with Rob Fenton on baritone sax and violin, Christopher Plock on baritone and tenor sax, Blitz on bass; Mark Hansen on drums, and Lawrence Nichols on back up vocals.

Together, the band's sound alternates between horn-fueled aggression and subtle melodies, all punctuated by the lyrical force of Hawkins' potent song writing.

"There are so many styles on this record," said Hawkins. "It would be ridiculous to try to pin (a style) down. I mean there are no legitimate swing songs, maybe some country ones, punk-pop tunes, even some ballads. So far we've been referring to it as mongrel music," he said. And as Hawkins reflects, that's just how the industry has treated it.

"I think that the buzz within the industry is that I'm a little difficult to work with," said Hawkins. "Mainly because I've made decisions the way I have. The *Low* break-up...well, that was economically very stupid for me, but it was done for the right artistic reasons."

Secret of My Excess (1996) and *Greasing the Star Machine*

(1998) have both been met with critical acclaim, but little financial success and even less radio air play.

Joanne Setterington, Hawkins' publicist at Toronto's Pri-Motion Music, was able to secure high rotation for the newest single "Suffer Me" on Edge102, and feels that Hawkins' history plays a key role in his future success.

"There's a lot of support for Ron mainly because of the *Low* days," said Setterington. "So I just kept phoning them up and bugging them to play it. It's hard to get a lot of support for indie releases because they don't have the financial backing of a label, and there aren't too many radio stations that will take the time to listen."

The band plans to let their live show loose Friday and Saturday nights.

"It's going to be a really, really punchy live show," said Hawkins. "Basically we're out to entertain the crowd and have some fun playing music."

They will be playing two shows at The Horseshoe Jan. 29 and 30.



COURTESY PHOTO

Rob Fenton, Lawrence Nichols, Mark Hansen, Christopher Plock, Blitz and Ron Hawkins play the legendary Horseshoe Tavern this weekend.

Humber artists wanted

BY TANIA CASTONGUAY
Arts Reporter

If you think you are a talented artist and you're short a little cash, you should consider showcasing some of your work in a student art competition coming to Humber in February.

The League for Innovation Student Art Competition offers cash and product prizes as well as a chance to take your work to an American College to compete as a finalist.

First place (best of show) receives a prize of \$500, second place is awarded \$200, and there are three third place prizes, worth \$100 each.

Humber's Council of Student Affairs is funding the \$4000 show this year with SAC, the Bank of Montreal and Clegg Marketing.

Council of Student Affairs Project Co-ordinator, Amy Faas, said the show is a great idea for students.

"The biggest part of the show

is for students to display their artwork and show pride in what they do," she said.

All artwork of any medium will be accepted. The most popular entries are in photography and



'Dreams', by Michael Fusco was one of Humber's winners in 1998.

sculpture, but students are encouraged to submit different types of artwork.

Professional artists in the Toronto area will judge the entries as well as volunteers from the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Last year's 'Best of show' win-

ner for Humber College, Michael Werner, said his experience with the show was a positive one.

"I don't have any complaints. I think the show is an excellent way for students to show off their work and for other students to see it," Werner said.

The League for Innovation, the organization running the show, is a consortium of 20 community colleges across the United States and Canada. The League provides opportunities for students through projects that promote creativity.

If you are interested in submitting your work, you can contact Maggie Hobbs at 416-675-6622, extension 4321 or Amy Faas at extension 4976.

Artwork will be accepted starting Feb. 15th with judging taking place on Feb. 18th.

The show is scheduled to begin Feb. 22, and runs through to Feb. 24.

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Overtime heaven for Hawks

BY BRIAN R. SYLVESTER
Hockey Reporter

In their first game since the Christmas break, the Hawks stole a 3-2 overtime win, defeating the visiting Conestoga Condors. The victory extended their winning streak to five games.

In overtime, Hawk forward Jarred Hebbes scored the winner on a point shot that bounced in off a Condor defenceman.

Hebbes also added an assist with his new linemates, Rich Wand and Eric Hobor, on the second line. Hebbes was filling the void left by the departure of leading goal scorer Curtis Hamilton.

"I'm not really trying to fill Curtis' spot. A spot opened up and the coach picked me to go there," said Hebbes. "It might take two or three games for (the line) to get going."

The Hawks' special teams were hit and miss during the game. All three Hawk goals were

scored on powerplays. Meanwhile, the penalty killing unit gave up two goals, including the game-tying goal in the third period.

Rookie winger Colin Gillespie made a splashy debut, by scoring a goal. He was robbed of a second marker from in close in the third period.

Gillespie was welcomed to the OCAA in overtime when he was on the business end of a hit delivered by defenceman Darren Dillion.

"I didn't see him coming. I had my head down looking for the pass," said Gillespie who was feeling fine after the hit.

The Hawks had lady luck on their side in the overtime session. Condor winger Ian McDonald missed a pass that went deep into Humber's zone. McDonald, noticing that the ref hadn't stopped the play, untucked the puck from under the Hawks' goalies glove, and passed it to

Condor assistant captain Mike Traynor in the slot. Hawk defenceman Marc Hobor reacted quickly and lifted his stick and the puck slid wide.

"We should have had the win," said a dejected Traynor after the game.

Crocker, the Hawks goalie, was sure that the referee was going to blow the whistle.

"(The referee) was blowing the whistle quick, so I figured he was going to whistle it down as soon as he saw me go for it, but (the play) didn't go that way," Crocker said.

When the whistle was finally blown, Crocker was smiling like a Cheshire cat.

"I laughed at him. I thought it was kind of funny...(Traynor) missed the net. He lost the game for them so it wasn't my problem," Crocker said.

Condor head coach Ken Galerno said his team was sporting six new members in their lineup that were not on the fall roster when Humber smoked the



Hawks Richard Wand waits for a rebound in the 3-2 Hawks win against the Conestoga Condors.

PHOTO BY BRIAN R. SYLVESTER

Condors 5-0.

Galerno said that Conestoga will meet the Hawks in the first round of OCAA playoffs.

Humber head coach Paul Masotti looked skeptical when told about Galerno's prediction but maintained that it wouldn't change Humber's routine.

"We'll play whoever is there.

We'll prepare the same way," Masotti said.

With seven weeks and eight games left in the season, the Hawks seemed to have a lock on at least second place, three points behind the league leading Cambrian Golden Shield. Humber plays Cambrian twice before the season ends.

Heartbreak for men's basketball

BY DEAN PINKHAM
Men's Basketball Reporter

Humber's men's basketball team ranked second in the nation, lost a squeaker to the unranked Centennial Colts by a score of 70-69.

The Hawks got off to a decent start, on Jan. 21, taking an 11-3 lead early in the first half but couldn't build any momentum and watched the Colts battle back

into the game, turning a 25-18 deficit into a 28-27 lead.

Humber's Keffrin Dunson gave his team a short lived lead only to see it disappear seconds later as the Colts continued to press, scoring a quick six.

Jeremy Murray tried to rally his team by hitting a three-pointer with 40 seconds left on the clock but when Centennial's Seibert Phillips sank his shot with one tick remaining, the Hawks headed to the dressing room trailing 36-35.

Humber's biggest problem, as it has been all season, was giving the ball away.

Head coach Mike Katz knows the team must improve in this area for them to enjoy any success.

"We've got to get better at protecting the basketball, we haven't closed out the last five minutes of a game in a way that we have to," Katz said.

The second half started with both teams exchanging baskets as neither team seemed to be able to grab an edge.

The Hawks Ivan Kajfes started a splendid passing play down low as he dished the ball to Marcel Lawrence who threaded a perfect pass to Dunson, resulting in an easy two points.

It was the type of play that on most nights would energize a team. Not on this night. Seconds later, the Colts Phillips went

down hard, hitting his head on the floor.

Phillips would return to the game, but the four minute lull caused by his fall effectively negated any momentum the Hawks might have had.

Soon after, the Colts galloped to a 60-51 lead with nine minutes to play. The Hawks stormed back

four minutes later, highlighted by Sylvio Carta's back to back three-pointers. But, the Colts showed great resiliency and forged ahead to lead 70-67 with just 16.8 seconds left.

Colts head coach Gerard Carlse knew his team would need fantastic team play to upset the favoured Hawks.

"Our players play together as a team. The 10 guys that finished the game really believed in one another, that's what pulled them through," Carlse said.

The Hawks, for their part wouldn't give up. If not for two missed free throws by Isaac King and Dunson, they might have been able to tiptoe out of Del Gym with a win.

Kajfes, while happy with his team's tenacity to battle back admitted that this game was lost because of poor ball handling.

"Turnovers basically killed us. We had over thirty. We're lucky it was that close. We have to play better as a defensive unit," Kajfes said.

Coach Katz knows there's still time to correct these errors but that process has to start now.

"It's a weakness that we've had all year. Right now it's not getting better, if it doesn't we're in big trouble. At least we know what to work on," Katz explained.

For the Colts, this victory was big.

Duane Elder, the games' top scorer with 19 points, said it's important to beat the best teams.

"Beating Humber at home, the number two ranked team in the country means a lot to anybody," Elder said.

Catch the Hawks' next home game, against the Colts, Feb. 4.



Larry Jefferson goes for the jump shot against heavy defence applied by the Centennial Colts.

Sports etc.

■ Friday, Jan. 29

Men's basketball team travels to Oshawa to take on Durham at 8 p.m.

■ Jan. 29

Women's Basketball team travels to Oshawa to battle Durham at 6 p.m.

■ Friday, Jan. 29

Men's hockey team face off in Sudbury against Cambrian and Boreal

■ Thursday, Feb. 4

Men's basketball takes on Centennial @ 8:00pm.

Women's team still undefeated

■ *A slow start almost cost Humber its undefeated title*

By JACK TYNAN
Women's Volleyball Reporter

Humber's women's volleyball team always starts out weak and this time the Sheridan Bruins nearly took advantage of the stumbling start.

"We get into ruts," said Hawk Caroline Fletcher about her team's tendency to have trouble starting games with a strong lead.

Last Thursday the Bruins began play a

little stronger than the Hawks. Sheridan won the first game 15-7 mainly due to Humber's disorganized play. Returned balls were falling between them untouched.

As they have done all season, the Humber women finally turned it on later in the match to fight and win game two (15-7). By the third game, Humber was in complete control and hitting the ball with few mistakes. They dominated and took the win, 15-4.

It seemed Humber was gathering momentum to win, but the Bruins regrouped and came back with a surprising offensive attack in the fourth and final game.

They came very close to forcing the Hawks into a fifth game as they started

placing the ball around Humber hitters rather than hitting the ball through the tall blockers.

Both teams were tied at 13-13 when Humber finally squeezed out two points to win the game 15-13 and the match 3-1.

Sheridan's athletics director Fred Wannamaker was very happy with his team's play against Humber, one of the strongest teams in the province.

"Excellent, the best game of the year, not too shabby against such good athletes," Wannamaker said.

To try to put a stop to their slow starts, the Hawks are working on the speed of their game.

"We've been working on speeding up our offence. When we play fast we play well," Fletcher said.



PHOTO BY JACK TYNAN

Humber players attempt to block a ball, while the Bruins hope for a kill.

Hawks crown Royals

■ *Women whip Redeemer 91-26*

By GARY D. MELO
Women's Basketball Reporter

The Humber Hawks and Redeemer Royals both went into their second meeting of the season tired and shorthanded. That's where the similarities end.

The 9-0 Hawks faced the winless Royals at home. Humber was hoping to take advantage of a depleted Redeemer lineup and go into the all-star break undefeated.

The Royals, well, they were looking forward to the bus ride home.

All these variables set the stage for a fairly one-sided hoopfest in which the Hawks served the Royals their 10th loss of the season in a 91-26 final on January 20.

Redeemer coach Frances Manias-Jackson credited Humber's depth and experience as the main factors in the lopsided contest.

"Humber is a strong team," Manias-Jackson said. "They've got a strong starting line-up and they've got a strong bench."

"Their goal is to pressure any team that comes in here. That intimidated us and it set the tone for the game."

You didn't have to tell Hawks' assistant coach Denise Perrier that the Royals lacked a little something in the skills department.

She had the best seat in the house when she filled in as head coach for the absent Jim Henderson



PHOTO BY GARY D. MELO

Aman Hasebenebi drives with intensity past a Redeemer player on her way to score two of her 21 points.

The game had Perrier pleading for some stiffer competition to keep the Hawks soaring for the remainder of the season.

"We definitely need some more upbeat games," Perrier said.

"League games are against teams we are going to blow away so we've had to pick up the intensity in practice."

"We've told the girls to hug each other before practice then work each other's butts off," she said.

In spite of missing some key players in Tanya Sadler and Missy McCutcheon, every player stepped up to contribute in one way or another.

Filomena Aprile, for example, who replaced Sadler in the starting line-up, finished with six points, seven steals and four rebounds.

However, she felt the game lacked the intensity that the team

needs to keep them hungry the rest of the way.

"It was another scrappy game so we have to continue to work hard against ourselves in practice," Aprile said.

"We have to keep pushing each other so we go into every game with the same mentality. We have to do the same thing every time and go out with 100 per cent intensity."

Leading scorer for the Hawks was Aman Hasebenebi who put forth another impressive performance with 21 points, 10 steals, six assists, and five rebounds.

Other notables were Tina Botterill who notched 15 points to go along with her eight steals and five assists.

Audrey Kaersenhout continued to dominate on the offensive boards when she brought down 14 rebounds to add to her 10 points and five steals.

The Hawks look to keep the intensity in practice as they prepare for four straight road games against Durham, Mohawk, George Brown and Fanshawe

No contest

By JACK TYNAN
Men's Volleyball Reporter

The men's volleyball team is back in business with a 3-0 massacre over the Sheridan Bruins.

"They're (Hawks) a good team," said Bruins Coach Manny Quirashi. "They are very strong."

The Hawks were in control from the outset, taking the first game 15-2. That was the highest score the Bruins could muster and foreshadowed a dismal loss.

During the second game Sheridan's points were chopped in half, leaving them with a huge 15-1 loss.

Humber sent Sheridan players reeling with powerful hits. They launched a massive attack to finish the last game with their first shutout of the season.

"We have a lot of room for improvement," Quirashi said after the game.

The men are definitely back with a vengeance for the second half of the volleyball season and they're looking to continue their winning trend without slowing down.

Humber played in a Quebec

tournament during the Christmas break and coach Wayne Wilkins said they have just realized how good they really are. They finished third among some very high quality teams during that tournament, proving to themselves that they can beat the best.

Now that they are playing with confidence, they can focus on fine tuning their game.

"We had a mission, went out and succeeded," Wilkins said. "I think the Quebec trip was the turning point. We played at a level of enlightenment."

On Thursday, Matt Cunliffe was killing the ball hard and almost straight down among diving Bruins and Tim Pennefather's jump serve looked more powerful every time. He had five straight points in the third game as the Bruins struggled to return his serves.

"It was fun," Cunliffe said.

The Hawks have added more ammo to their arsenal as Darryl Bryant, a power hitter who was on the team last year, returns to a deep and very powerful team.

The next home game is against Seneca on Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.



PHOTO BY JACK TYNAN

Humber's Tim Ryan prepares to spike the ball between Sheridan's defenders in heated action on Jan. 21.

No worries for MLG, it will Rock

By DAVID SMITH
& ANDREW MCKAY
Et Cetera Staff

Lacrosse, Canada's other national sport, is back in Toronto. The Toronto Rock kicked off their first season in the National Lacrosse League Jan. 22, and by all accounts, the night was a rousing success.

More than 11,000 fans showed up for the first professional lacrosse game at Maple Leaf Gardens since the Toronto Tomahawks played there in the '70s. The Rock didn't disappoint, beating the Buffalo Bandits 11-10.

Though the team looked new, it actually has a lot of history behind it, and not much of it is good.

The Rock played last year as the Ontario Raiders, based at Hamilton's Copps Coliseum. Head coach Les Bartley said the team got used to playing in front of crowds that would be considered low by junior hockey standards, let alone professional lacrosse.

"This absolutely beats playing in front of 3000-4000 people every night," Bartley said.

He would know. Bartley coached the Buffalo Bandits to three league championships this

decade, and established the Bandits franchise as a pinnacle of success. The team continues to sell out the Marine Midland Arena, as it did with Buffalo's old Auditorium.

"Having a crowd gives you a big lift," Bartley said. "We had 16,000 fans in Buffalo, and it made a huge difference."

The Raiders finished 6-6 last season, missing out on a playoff spot in a tiebreaker with the Rochester Knighthawks. Off the floor, though, the team was in turmoil. With fan support low and

unstable ownership, the future looked bleak.

The team's white knights came in the form of Maple Leaf Gardens, who suddenly needed a tenant after the Maple Leafs announced their move to the new Air Canada Centre. The new ownership group came loaded with name recognition, marketing savvy and business acumen. Bill Watters, former Leafs Assistant General Manager and now assistant to Ken Dryden, stepped in as the principal owner. Joining him were Tie Domi, Bobby Orr, Don

Cherry and former Blue Jays president Paul Beeston, widely acclaimed as the smartest man in baseball.

Toronto may not be known as a lacrosse hotbed, but it is a magnet for lacrosse fans surrounding it. While Hamilton had a tough time attracting crowds, the megacity sits in the middle of a strong lacrosse triangle spanning St Catharines, Orillia and Peterborough.

Knowing support from those towns and others would be crucial, the team kicked off an area-wide marketing blitz in late December, and a combination of cheap tickets and the allure of seeing the Gardens without paying a scalper's ransom brought a surprisingly large crowd out to see Friday's game.

"That was a good crowd," Watters said, as he strolled through the press box. Watters said he was expecting 8000 fans, at most.

"We couldn't have asked for anything better."

Fans in the arena thought the team and management did a good job of

putting on the opener.

"The game's been entertaining! We've had a great time. For the price, you get more than your money's worth, my goodness," said Keith Richards, who made the trip in from Welland.

Rock sniper Colin Doyle, who finished fourth in league scoring en route to the NLL's rookie of the year award last year, obviously enjoyed playing in front of the sizeable audience. After a late fourth-quarter scuffle, he hammed it up for the crowd, jumping up and down and punching his fists in the air.

"I get fired up for a crowd like this," Doyle said after the game.

After playing in Hamilton last season, and spending his summer playing for the Kitchener Braves in the Ontario Lacrosse Association Junior 'A' loop, the 21-year-old Doyle was bubbling over the number of fans in the seats.

"The crowd was great," he said. You couldn't ask for anything more," he added, after his two-goal and two-assist performance.

"If you walked out of here tonight not happy, you're not human. It was the kind of night where you say 'I'm glad I played in this game,'" Doyle said.



PHOTO BY ANDREW MCKAY

A Rock player goes for the goal at any cost, even if it means a stick across the face. MLG fans were enthusiastic about the new-old sport.

Super gambling can lead to super debts

By MIKE GENTILE
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Superbowl XXXIII isn't just about football, it's about money.

Many fans will wager ridiculous amounts of money on what insiders are calling the "Desperation Bowl."

The championship game will feature the Atlanta Falcons and the Denver Broncos on Jan. 31, and it should be a record-setting day.

The Council on Compulsive Gambling statistics show more than \$80 million will be bet legally in Las Vegas and a whopping \$4 billion dollars will be wagered illegally through bookies for the championship game.

But what's really startling is betting by youth. The Canadian Centre for Compulsive Gambling (CFCG) said eight per cent of Canadian adults are classified as problem gamblers. However the number is four times higher among teenagers.

For those with gambling addictions not betting on the game proves to be the biggest test of willpower.

"It (the Superbowl) is a very stressful time because this is the time to make up all their losses," CFCG's program director, Jane Scott, said.

According to a survey conducted by the CTV/Angus Reid

Group in March 1998, 60 per cent of Canadians partake in gambling, and three-quarters of them said problems in their lives have occurred because of it.

Gene, who asked his real name not be used, began his gambling career by setting up poker night at his house at age 15. As the stakes got higher, the challenge became more appealing. He now spends anywhere between \$10 to \$100 on one football game.

"You don't have to work for the money. It's the easiest way to make a dollar," he said.

Gene said using sports as a medium to earn cash adds more excitement to the game.

"It makes the game more interesting. It makes sports more interesting," he said.

Scott of CFCG doesn't agree.

"There's a percentage of youth that view it (gambling) as a way to make money. They should keep things in perspective and be prepared to lose whatever they wager," she said.

Scott said youth are especially vulnerable because of their disposable income. However she warned that parents should recognize the problem before it gets completely out of hand.

"Parents warn about the dangers with drugs and alcohol, but rarely will they question a child about a lottery ticket," she said.

Scott said that all serious gambling begins with the simplest of wagers like Lotto 6/49 and sports' Pro-Line.

Second-year Accounting student Mike Sbrissa said that he started to gamble but the consequences forced him to stop.

"I did bet occasionally, but I just can't afford the habit," he said. "It's not worth it anymore. I didn't want to lose my money."

Sbrissa said gambling became extremely popular in high school. Many of his friends became interested in sports betting, especially football games. The only difference is he stopped and they didn't.

"He (Gene) is a chronic," said a disappointed Sbrissa. "He plays no matter what. He thinks if you win once you'll always win."

Sbrissa said Gene has even asked for money. But Sbrissa refused to support his habit.

"I would never give him money if I had any suspicion that he might gamble with it," he said.

Sbrissa said the hardest part is just sitting back and watching.

"There's no way to control it, it's addictive. All I can do is warn him but I can't change his mind," he said.

Gene denied what he's doing is wrong.

"All the people that have money in the stock market are the

Are the stakes high for you?

Pathological gambling can be diagnosed when five or more of the following occur:

- 1) Preoccupied by reliving past gambling experiences and planning your next bet.
- 2) Needs to gamble with increasing amounts of money.
- 3) Has been unsuccessful in trying to stop gambling.
- 4) Becomes restless when trying to stop betting.
- 5) Gambling to escape problems like depression, and helplessness.
- 6) After losing money returns the next day (Chasing one's losses).
- 7) Lies to family members to conceal amount being spent.
- 8) Has committed illegal acts such as forgery, and theft to get money.
- 9) Has jeopardized or lost a relationship due to gambling.
- 10) Relies on others to provide money to support the habit.

same way. It's all gambling. Everybody wants money, and to make money you have to take some risks," he said. "If you don't take those risks you're not going anywhere in life."

The CFCG has been around since 1983 and offers treatment to those with gambling addictions. They said pathological gambling occurs as soon as there are one or more problems related to their gambling activities.

Although treatment facilities exist, they said the best treatment is prevention.

The battle of the game will earn the winning team a title and the winning bettor a profit. Sbrissa warned others that it's not as easy as it looks.

"Gambling is so addictive because you don't have to work for it. But in the end you will," he said.

If you or someone you know has a gambling addiction call:

CFCG at (416) 499-9800; toll free 1-888-391-1111; or Gamblers Anonymous Hot-Line at 1-888-230-3505.

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